

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Newport News city

Virginia · Newport News · FIPS 51700 · Population 185,118 ·
Crosodo Index #2103*

STATE BASELINE

Va. Code §3.2-5130

STATE TIER

Good

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

Tiered

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-05

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision. Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

How to start — 60-second path

Newport News city, Virginia — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

Tiered

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Virginia cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Virginia home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Virginia label one-pager →](#)

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Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

VIRGINIA: NEWPORT NEWS CITY

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Non-acidified cottage foods have no stated dollar cap; pickles and acidified vegetables capped at \$9,000/year. Direct sales only; no resale or consignment. Label must include 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. Virginia cottage food law effective 2023.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Yes (Newport News regulates home businesses through zoning ordinance under VA Code §15.2-2280. Virginia is a strict Dillon's Rule state. Home occupation permit required for home-based businesses. A BPOL (business license) is also typically required. Common conditions: home occupation permit, no exterior alteration, no outside storage, no hazardous materials, residence must remain primarily residential. Virginia cottage food law (effective 2023) allows certain home food sales without a food establishment permit.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Conditional

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. No routine inspections.)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.

WATER SUPPLY

Potable water supply required.

HANDWASHING

Adequate handwashing facilities required.

FOOD STORAGE

Shelf-stable storage for non-TCS foods.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint. No routine inspections.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Yes — Newport News regulates home businesses through zoning ordinance under VA Code §15.2-2280. Virginia is a strict Dillon's Rule state. Home occupation permit required for home-based businesses. A BPOL (business license) is also typically required. Common conditions: home occupation permit, no exterior alteration, no outside storage, no hazardous materials, residence must remain primarily residential. Virginia cottage food law (effective 2023) allows certain home food sales without a food establishment permit.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales at home, farmers markets, online with local delivery. Customer visits limited per zoning rules.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Typically only household members per home occupation zoning rules.

Relevant county code

Newport News Zoning Ordinance; Va. Code §15.2-2280; Va. Code §3.2-5130

RESEARCH NOTES

Newport News is an independent city in Virginia (treated as county-equivalent). State cottage food law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) effective 2023. CityRuleLookup confirms home occupation permit and BPOL required. Newport News Zoning Division website confirmed at nnva.gov. The \$9,000 cap for pickles/acidified vegetables is one of the lowest pickle-specific caps in the US. Honey sold from own hives under 250 gallons/year covered under separate subdivision.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.nnva.gov>

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/newport-news-city-va>

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

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Newport News city and nearby places

Regulation	Newport News city	Hampton city	Portsmouth city
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.	Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must remain sanitary.	No state restriction; Portsmouth home occupation rules do not specifically address pets.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	No
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales at home, farmers markets, online with local delivery. Customer visits limited per zoning rules.	Direct sales only per state law. Sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, and online with local delivery.	Virginia allows direct sales; Portsmouth home occupation rules may restrict customer visits to the home. Customer pickup may be limited. Fa...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Non-acidified cottage foods have no stated dollar cap; pickles and acidified vegetables capped at \$9,000/y...	Hampton is an independent city in Virginia. Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. No state registration required. Pickles/acidified vegetables c...	Virginia state law (Va. Code §3.2-5130) allows home kitchen production of non-TCS shelf-stable cottage foods with no registration or inspec...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for non-TCS foods.	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only; stored in food-safe containers.	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.
POPULATION	185,118	137,217	97,384

State context — Virginia cottage food law

Newport News city's rules sit on top of Virginia's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE

Va. Code §3.2-5130 (HB 402 / 2026 c. 605)

ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

INDIRECT SALES

No — As amended by HB 402 (Acts of Assembly 2026 Ch. 605), effective July 1, 2026: exempt foods may be sold at any location, through the internet, or by phone to an individual in Virginia for their own consumption, and delivered in person, by mail, or by delivery service in Virginia. Still no resale, consignment, restaurants, retail food establishments, or out-of-state sales. Local zoning still applies. The VDACS home-food-processor FAQ PDF is stale (still says no online sales); the statute controls. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/2026/HB402>

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Virginia cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/virginia.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title3.2/chapter51/section3.2-5130/>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/virginia/>

Questions about Newport News city? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

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