COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Clay County, Alabama?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-10-06.

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
No	Varies	Varies	—

ALABAMA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

Alabama permits PDF

Alabama cottage food law page

Alabama Department of Public Health cottage food program

Statute: Ala. Code §22-20-5.1

> **NOT LEGAL ADVICE**
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> This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Clay County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Clay County, Alabama. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT No	ANNUAL SALES CAP —
HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING Varies	LOCAL HEALTH Yes
BUSINESS LICENSE Varies	PICKUP AT THE HOUSE Yes

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

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Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

Alabama registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Indirect sales to grocery stores, restaurants, or wholesale are not permitted; producers may use an agent for delivery but cannot sell through retailers.

Alabama permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/alabama.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/alabama

Alabama Department of Public Health: https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/foodsafety/cottage-food-law.html

Statute: Ala. Code §22-20-5.1

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. No state requirement. Clay County is very rural in east central Alabama. No county-level home occupation ordinance found.

Health

No. Cottage food operations not subject to routine inspection per §22-20-5.1(b).

Health: https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/clay/

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct to consumer only within Alabama.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

A commercial kitchen is a food establishment. Alabama cottage food is not a food-service permit. A commissary, restaurant, or shared kitchen is a food establishment permitted by the county health department. Ask that office for the food-facility application, not the cottage-food form.

Official source: ADPH food protection

Local health office we have on file: https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/clay/

This file is the home-kitchen path. A rented kitchen uses a different permit. Ask the kitchen manager which license they expect, then call the local health office.

SOURCES

https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/clay/
https://www.claycounty.gov
https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/foodsafety/cottage-food-law.html

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Clay County and nearby places

Regulation	Clay County	Cleburne County	Coosa County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	**Yes**	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	**No**	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	**Not specified in state statute.**	Not specified in state statute.	Not specified in state statute.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	**No**	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	**Yes**	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	**Yes**	Yes	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	**Direct to consumer only within Alabama.**	Direct to consumer only within Alabama.	Direct to consumer only within Alabama.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	**Varies**	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	**Varies**	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	**Must produce non-potentially hazardous foods only (no meat/poultry/fish). Sales direct to consumer only within Alabama. Must complete ADPH-...**	Must produce non-potentially hazardous foods only (no meat/poultry/fish). Sales direct to consumer only within Alabama. Must complete ADPH-...	Must produce non-potentially hazardous foods only (no meat/poultry/fish). Sales direct to consumer only within Alabama. Must complete ADPH-...
FOOD STORAGE	**Not specifically regulated.**	Not specifically regulated.	Not specifically regulated.
POPULATION	**14,209**	15,144	10,329

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