

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in St. Clair County, Alabama?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-05.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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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**

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in St. Clair County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

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: Yes. 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

Conditional. Alabama requires county health department approval before selling cottage food. St. Clair County Health Department issues approval. The county seat field is blank in input data (St. Clair County has dual county seats: Ashville and Pell City). Operators should contact St. Clair County Health Department for application process.

Health

Upon-complaint. Alabama ADPH / St. Clair County Health Department may inspect upon consumer complaint.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales only. In-state online sales and shipping allowed. Home pickup, farmers markets, events permitted.

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](#)

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/foodsafety/cottage-food-law.html>

St. Clair County and nearby places

Regulation	St. Clair County	Talladega County	Etowah County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; county health approval may review kitchen conditions.	No specific state-level pet exclusion requirement in Alabama cottage food law.	No specific state pet restriction, but standard sanitation practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	No	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only. In-state online sales and shipping allowed. Home pickup, farmers markets, events permitted.	Direct sales within Alabama only: in-person, by phone, or online with in-state delivery.	Direct-to-consumer sales only. No wholesale or indirect sales. Online and in-state shipping permitted. Out-of-state shipping prohibited.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Alabama cottage food law (§22-20-5.1, 2021 amendment): no sales cap, direct sales only. Must complete state-approved food safety course and...	Same as all Alabama counties: home kitchen production, non-PHF foods only, approved food safety course required, cottage food review form s...	Alabama requires state-approved food safety course completion and approval from the local county health department before selling. Non-pote...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous shelf-stable foods only.	No specific statutory requirement.	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Meat, poultry, fish, all perishable/temperature-controlled foods, low-acid canned goods, juices prohi...
POPULATION	91,719	81,105	103,348

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