

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in San Francisco County, California?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

SALES CAP

Tiered

CALIFORNIA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[California permits PDF](#)[California cottage food law page](#)[California Department of Public Health cottage food program](#)[Statute: Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

San Francisco County, California. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Yes

LOCAL HEALTH

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Yes

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

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

HOW THIS PLACE WORKS

California cottage food is registered at the county. CDPH does not issue cottage-food permits. Class A registration and Class B permits are handled by the county (or city) environmental health department where you live. If this file only has a county homepage, call Environmental Health and ask for the cottage-food (CFO) page. Class A is registration. Class B is a permit.

Official source: [CDPH Cottage Food Operations](#)

CONTINUE ONLINE

California permits PDF →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf>

California cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/california>

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/california/san-francisco-county>

San Francisco County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/california/san-francisco-county>

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

Where to file

State

California registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Class B permit holders may sell indirectly through retail stores and restaurants statewide; Class A registrants are limited to direct sales only and may not sell through any retail or wholesale venue.

California permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/california

California Department of Public Health: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/Cottage%20Food%20Operations/CFO_Faq.pdf

Statute: [Cal. Health & Safety Code §113758](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Yes. San Francisco Planning Department administers home occupation authorizations. State law (Cal. Gov. Code §51035) preempts local zoning restrictions on CFOs, but a home occupation verification or accessory use determination may still be required as part of the SFDPH CFO application process. Contact SF Planning at (628) 652-7600.

Planning: <https://sfplanning.org>

Health

Conditional. Class B requires initial kitchen inspection. Class A is self-certified. Complaint-based thereafter.

Health: <https://www.sfdph.org>

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Class A: direct sales only (in person, phone, internet; mail/third-party delivery permitted within California).

Class B: direct plus indirect (restaurants, markets). \$75,000/\$150,000 annual caps. California only.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

CDPH does not permit commissaries. Counties do. California cottage food (Class A/B) is county environmental health. A commissary, restaurant, or shared kitchen is a retail food facility under CalCode, also at county environmental health, on a different application than the CFO form.

Official source: [CDPH food safety program](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.sf.gov/plan-check-guide-building-and-remodeling-food-facility>

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.sfdph.org>

<https://sfplanning.org>

<https://sf.gov>

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/Cottage%20Food%20Operations/CFO_Faq.pdf

<https://www.thefoodcorridor.com/blog/mehkos-2026-2/>

San Francisco County and nearby places

Regulation	San Francisco County	San Mateo County	Contra Costa County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Standard sanitation; not specifically addressed	Standard sanitation; MEHKO requires food safety compliance	State baseline applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Class A: direct sales only (in person, phone, internet; mail/ third-party delivery permitted within California). Class B: direct plus indire...	CFO Class A: direct sales only (\$75,000 cap). CFO Class B: direct + indirect (\$150,000 cap). MEHKO: direct-to-consumer only (dine-in, take-...	MEHKO: meals for dine-in, take-out, and delivery; MEHKO may also serve as a commissary for permitted food carts. CFO: direct/ indirect sales...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Conditional	Varies by city
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Conditional	Varies by city
RESTRICTIONS	San Francisco is a consolidated city-county. CFO permits are administered by the SF Department of Public Health (SFPDH). Class A (direct sa...	Two pathways: (1) CFO Class A/ B under §113758; (2) MEHKO under §113825 — San Mateo County has permanently authorized MEHKOs (ordinance appr...	Contra Costa County adopted a MEHKO ordinance (Ordinance 2024-05) approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 20, 2024, effective July 1, ...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage per state approved foods list	Standard per state approved foods list (CFO) or California Retail Food Code (MEHKO)	State baseline applies
POPULATION	851,036	754,250	1,162,648

More pages for this place

These Crosodo pages cover the same home cottage-food path:

California permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/california.pdf

California cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california

San Francisco County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california/san-francisco-county