

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

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 Joaquin County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

San Joaquin 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

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

Conditional

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.

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-joaquin-county>

San Joaquin County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/california/san-joaquin-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

Conditional. State law (Cal. Gov. Code §51035) preempts local zoning restrictions on CFOs. For incorporated cities (Stockton, Lodi, Manteca, Tracy, etc.), check with the city's planning department for any supplemental requirements. Unincorporated areas: contact San Joaquin County Community Development Department.

Planning: <https://www.sjgov.org/community-development>

Health

Conditional. Class B: kitchen inspection required. Class A: self-certified. Complaint-based thereafter.

Health: <https://www.sjgov.org/environmental-health>

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

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

Class B: direct and indirect (restaurants, markets). Annual caps: Class A \$75,000; Class B \$150,000. 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.sjgov.org/environmental-health>

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.sjgov.org/environmental-health>

<https://www.sjgov.org/community-development>

<https://www.sjgov.org>

<https://www.sjgov.org/docs/default-source/environmental-health-documents/food-and-restaurants/cfo-registration-permitting-form.pdf>

San Joaquin County and nearby places

Regulation	San Joaquin County	Stanislaus County	Contra Costa County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Standard sanitation; no specific county guidance found	No specific state cottage food pet restriction beyond general sanitation	State baseline applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional	Conditional	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 and indirec...	Class A: direct sales only — at residence, certified farmers markets, bake sales, community events. Class B: adds indirect sales to local s...	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	Conditional	Yes	Varies by city
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Varies by city
RESTRICTIONS	San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department administers CFO permits. Class A: \$186 fee, direct sales only, up to current state cap (...)	Class A: direct sales only, ~\$86,206 annual cap, registration with Stanislaus County Environmental Resources, no inspection. Class B: direc...	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	Approved non-potentially hazardous food storage in home kitchen only	State baseline applies
POPULATION	779,445	552,063	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 Joaquin County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/california/san-joaquin-county