

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Duval County, Florida?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-06.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**No**

HOME OCCUPATION

**Conditional**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**Yes**

SALES CAP

**\$250,000 / year**

FLORIDA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Florida permits PDF](#)[Florida cottage food law page](#)[Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services cottage food program](#)[Statute: Fla. Stat. §500.80](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

## What you need

Duval County, Florida. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

\$250,000 / year

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Conditional

### HOME KITCHEN ONLY

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

### CONTINUE ONLINE

[Florida permits PDF →](#)

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

[Florida cottage food law page →](#)

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

[Permit page for this place →](#)

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/florida/duval-county>

[Duval County cottage food law page →](#)

<https://crosodo.com/states/florida/duval-county>

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

## Where to file

### State

Florida registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Florida prohibits wholesale sales but allows online, mail-order, and in-person sales including delivery to consumers; state law preempts local restrictions on cottage food operations.

Florida permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/florida.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/florida.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/florida](https://crosodo.com/states/florida)

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: <https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Cottage-Foods>

Statute: [Fla. Stat. §500.80](#)

### Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Florida §559.955 (Home-based businesses; local government restrictions) substantially limits local regulation of home-based businesses. Local governments cannot license or regulate home-based businesses beyond business tax receipts (chapter 205) and cannot impose requirements more stringent than those for residences without businesses. Jacksonville/Duval zoning code (Chapter 656) allows home occupations in residential districts as a permitted use meeting performance standards in §656.401(n). Jacksonville requires: resident operators only, business incidental and subordinate to residential use, no change to residential character, no exterior business evidence. Jacksonville's consolidated city-county government applies a single code across all of what was formerly unincorporated Duval County. A home occupation permit review may be required for Jacksonville addresses; contact the City of Jacksonville Planning and Development Department.

### Health

Upon-complaint. Per §500.80(7), FDACS may inspect only upon receipt of a complaint alleging a violation. No routine inspections. Refusal to permit inspection is grounds for disciplinary action. State-level only — county/local health inspections not applicable.

Health: <https://duval.floridahealth.gov>

### Business license

Yes

### Pickup / delivery

Under Florida §500.80(2), products may be delivered in person to consumer, to specific event venue, or by USPS/commercial carrier. Online orders and mail-order accepted. No wholesale sales permitted. Retail transactions at a structure other than the residential dwelling are not permitted per §559.955(3). On-site customer pickup allowed if consistent with residential character and not generating excessive traffic. County and municipal laws on traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours of retail operation still apply per §500.80(6).

**If you rent a commissary kitchen**

**DBPR or the local health department licenses food.** Florida public food service is typically DBPR Hotels and Restaurants or the county health department, depending on the operation. Cottage food is a separate exemption. Ask which office licenses the kitchen you rent.

Official source: [Florida DBPR Hotels and Restaurants](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://duval.floridahealth.gov>

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.

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**SOURCES**

<https://duval.floridahealth.gov>

<https://www.duvalcounty.gov>

[https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?](https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599%2F0500%2FSections%2F0500.80.html)

[App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&URL=0500-0599%2F0500%2FSections%2F0500.80.html](https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599%2F0500%2FSections%2F0500.80.html)

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[App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&URL=0500-0599%2F0559%2FSections%2F0559.955.html](https://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599%2F0559%2FSections%2F0559.955.html)

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/CottageFoodOperations.pdf>

[https://www.zoneomics.com/code/jacksonville-FL/chapter\\_4](https://www.zoneomics.com/code/jacksonville-FL/chapter_4)

<https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/duvalco/2021/07/01/did-you-know-cottage-food-exemption/>

## Duval County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Duval County                                                                                                                                    | St. Johns County                                                                                            | Clay County                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                         | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                          | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Florida state law does not address pets in cottage food kitchens. FDACS guidance does not prohibit pets but standard food safety practices ...  | No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies                                                   | No explicit pet restriction in Florida cottage food statute. Standard sanitation practices apply.                                              |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                  | Upon-complaint                                                                                              | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Yes                                                                                                         | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | No                                                                                                                                              | Conditional                                                                                                 | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Under Florida §500.80(2), products may be delivered in person to consumer, to specific event venue, or by USPS/ commercial carrier. Online o... | Direct and limited indirect sales; online, farmers markets, and events permitted                            | Florida cottage food law expressly permits online sales and mail-order delivery within the state. Home pickup, delivery, farmers markets, a... |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Varies                                                                                                      | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Varies                                                                                                      | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Florida's cottage food law (§500.80) requires production in the kitchen of the operator's residence only. Motor home kitchens and rented ki...  | Non-TCS foods only; labeling with disclaimer required; \$250,000 annual cap; no state license or inspection | Florida cottage food law (§500.80) permits home kitchen production of non-TCS foods with no registration, permit, or inspection required be... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Products must be stored on the premises of the cottage food operation per §500.80(4). Septic system adequacy for additional wastewater shou...  | Sanitary storage of non-TCS foods                                                                           | Non-TCS (non-time/temperature-control-for-safety) foods only. Standard safe storage practices.                                                 |
| POPULATION                 | 995,708                                                                                                                                         | 278,722                                                                                                     | 219,650                                                                                                                                        |

## More pages for this place

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

Florida permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/florida.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/florida.pdf)

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