

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Gulf County, Florida?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

HOME OCCUPATION

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

Likely; verify with Gulf County**Likely; Gulf County local business tax receipt; contact Gulf County Tax Collector**

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

What you need

Gulf 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****Likely; verify with Gulf County****LOCAL HEALTH****Upon-complaint only****BUSINESS LICENSE****Likely; Gulf County local business tax receipt; contact Gulf County Tax Collector****PICKUP AT THE HOUSE****True****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/gulf-county>[Gulf County cottage food law page →](#)<https://crosodo.com/states/florida/gulf-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

State law page: 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

Likely; verify with Gulf County. No Gulf County-specific home occupation ordinance text located in search. Small coastal Panhandle county (pop. ~16,000) with county seat Port Saint Joe. Still recovering from 2018 Hurricane Michael impacts. Local business tax receipt and possible zoning approval likely required. State preempts county from banning cottage food.

Planning: <https://www.gulfcountry-fl.gov/building-zoning>

Health

Upon-complaint only. State inspection only upon receipt of complaint per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7); county cannot add inspections

Health: <https://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdGulf/>

Business license

Likely; Gulf County local business tax receipt; contact Gulf County Tax Collector

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignment; max \$250,000 annual gross sales

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://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdGulf/>

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.doh.state.fl.us/chdGulf/>

<https://www.gulfcounty-fl.gov/building-zoning>

<https://www.gulfcounty-fl.gov>

<https://ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/70108/file/Cottage-Food-Operations.pdf>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/FS425>

Gulf County and nearby places

Regulation	Gulf County	Calhoun County	Franklin County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True	True	True
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False	False	False
PETS ALLOWED	No state or county-specific rule for cottage food	No state or county-specific rule for cottage food	No state or county-specific rule for cottage food
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only	Upon-complaint only	Upon-complaint only
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True	True	True
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Must comply with Gulf County signage ordinances	Must comply with Calhoun County signage ordinances	Must comply with Franklin County signage ordinances
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignm...	Direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignm...	Direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignm...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Gulf County	Likely; verify with Calhoun County	Likely; verify with Franklin County
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely; Gulf County local business tax receipt; contact Gulf County Tax Collector	Likely; Calhoun County local business tax receipt; contact Calhoun County Tax Collector	Likely; Franklin County local business tax receipt; contact Franklin County Tax Collector
RESTRICTIONS	—	—	—
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage	Non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage	Non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage
POPULATION	15,002	13,753	12,276

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

Florida cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/florida

Gulf County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/florida/gulf-county