

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Hamilton 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 Hamilton County**Likely; Hamilton County local business tax receipt; contact Hamilton 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 Hamilton County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Hamilton 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 Hamilton County****LOCAL HEALTH****Upon-complaint only****BUSINESS LICENSE****Likely; Hamilton County local business tax receipt; contact Hamilton 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)<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/florida.pdf>[Florida cottage food law page →](https://crosodo.com/states/florida)<https://crosodo.com/states/florida>[Permit page for this place →](https://crosodo.com/what-permits/florida/hamilton-county)<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/florida/hamilton-county>[Hamilton County cottage food law page →](https://crosodo.com/states/florida/hamilton-county)<https://crosodo.com/states/florida/hamilton-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 Hamilton County. No Hamilton County-specific home occupation ordinance text located in search. Small, rural north Florida county (pop. ~14,000) with county seat Jasper. Local business tax receipt and possible zoning approval likely required. State preempts county from banning cottage food.

Planning: <https://www.hamiltoncountyfl.com/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/chdHamilton/>

Business license

Likely; Hamilton County local business tax receipt; contact Hamilton 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/chdHamilton/>

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/chdHamilton/>

<https://www.hamiltoncountyfl.com/building-zoning>

<https://www.hamiltoncountyfl.com>

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

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

Hamilton County and nearby places

Regulation	Hamilton County	Madison County	Suwannee County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	True	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	False	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No state or county-specific rule for cottage food	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint only	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	True	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Must comply with Hamilton County signage ordinances	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer; online/mail-order allowed; shipping within and across state lines via USPS or commercial carrier; no wholesale/consignm...	Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permit...	Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permit...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Likely; verify with Hamilton County	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Likely; Hamilton County local business tax receipt; contact Hamilton County Tax Collector	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	—	Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Product...	Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Product...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS (non-temperature controlled) foods only; standard sanitary storage	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; no garage/shed/barn storage	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; no garage/shed/barn storage
POPULATION	13,492	17,986	43,881

More pages for this place

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

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

Hamilton County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/florida/hamilton-county