

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
No	Conditional	Varies	\$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 Pinellas County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Pinellas 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

Varies

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Yes

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

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

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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

Conditional. State law (§500.80(6)) preempts local government from restricting cottage food operations. However, cottage food operations must comply with all applicable county and municipal laws regulating traffic, parking, noise, signage, and hours of retail operation. Contact Pinellas County Planning for any applicable home occupation standards. Local ordinances on those specific subjects still apply.

Health

Upon-complaint. Complaint only per Fla. Stat. §500.80(7). No routine state inspections. Pinellas County Health Department has no additional inspection authority.

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

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permitted since 2021. No wholesale to restaurants or grocery stores.

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://pinellas.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.

SOURCES

<https://pinellas.floridahealth.gov>

<https://pinellas.gov>

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Food-Establishments/Cottage-Foods>

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/florida/>

<https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfylifasufledu/st-johns/fcs/pdf/CottageFoodOperations.pdf>

Pinellas County and nearby places

Regulation	Pinellas County	Pasco County	Hillsborough County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated	No specific state cottage food pet restriction	State baseline applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Sales allowed from residence, online, by mail-order, at farmers markets, flea markets, and roadside stands. Mail delivery explicitly permit...	No restrictions on sales venues. Online sales and mail/delivery permitted including across state lines. No wholesale to retail stores or re...	State law allows internet/mail order sales, event sales. \$250,000 annual cap. No wholesale.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	No	Varies by city
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	No	Varies by city
RESTRICTIONS	Must be produced in operator's home kitchen only; no garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings. Motor home kitchens are not permitted. Product...	Any non-TCS food that does not require temperature control for safety. No license, permit, registration, or inspection required before oper...	Florida state law preempts local regulation of cottage food. Hillsborough County has no county-specific cottage food permit beyond what is ...
FOOD STORAGE	Ingredients and finished products must be stored in the single-family domestic residence; spare rooms or basements free of dampness/ pests a...	Standard home kitchen storage for shelf-stable non-TCS products	Products may only be stored on cottage operation's premises.
POPULATION	959,918	569,211	1,468,560

More pages for this place

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

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