

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Cobb County, Georgia?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**No**

HOME OCCUPATION

**Conditional**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**Yes**

SALES CAP

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GEORGIA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Georgia permits PDF](#)[Georgia cottage food law page](#)[Georgia Department of Agriculture cottage food program](#)[Statute: O.C.G.A. §26-2-470 et seq. \(eff. July 2025\); prior: GA R&R 40-7-19](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

## What you need

Cobb County, Georgia. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

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

**Georgia no longer sells a state cottage-food license.** HB 398 (effective July 1, 2025) removed the Georgia Department of Agriculture cottage-food license and fee. What may still apply is city or county occupational tax and zoning. This packet keeps the GDA program page so you can read the current state rules.

Official source: [Georgia Department of Agriculture cottage food](#)

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[Georgia permits PDF →](#)

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

[Georgia cottage food law page →](#)

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

[Permit page for this place →](#)

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/georgia/cobb-county>

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

<https://crosodo.com/states/georgia/cobb-county>

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

## Where to file

### State

Georgia registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. As of July 1, 2025 (HB 398), Georgia allows wholesale, online, retail store, restaurant, and mail-order sales; third-party sellers must display cottage food products separately and label the section as products from residential kitchens exempt from state inspection.

Georgia permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/georgia.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/georgia.pdf)

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

Georgia Department of Agriculture: <https://agr.georgia.gov/cottage-food-program>

Statute: [O.C.G.A. §26-2-470 et seq. \(eff. July 2025\)](#); prior: [GA R&R 40-7-19](#)

### Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Cobb County has an Occupational Tax Certificate requirement for home-based businesses. Contact Cobb County Business License Division. Cobb County Community Development handles zoning. For businesses inside incorporated cities (Marietta, Smyrna, Powder Springs, etc.), contact that municipality.

Planning: <https://www.cobbcounty.gov/planning>

### Health

Upon-complaint. GDA complaint-based only as of HB 398. No routine inspections.

Health: <https://www.cobbcounty.gov/health>

### Business license

Yes

### Pickup / delivery

As of HB 398 (July 2025): direct-to-consumer, online, retail store sales, and wholesale permitted. No state cap.

### If you rent a commissary kitchen

**A commissary is a food-service permit, not occupational tax.** Georgia no longer sells a GDA cottage license (HB 398). A rented kitchen is still a food-service establishment permitted by the county health department or the Department of Public Health. Occupational tax is not that permit.

Official source: [Georgia DPH food service](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.cobbcounty.gov/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.

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### SOURCES

[crosodo.com](https://crosodo.com)

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<https://www.cobbcounty.gov/health>

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<https://www.cobbcounty.gov/planning>

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<https://www.cobbcounty.org>

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<https://www.agr.georgia.gov/cottage-food>

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<https://agr.georgia.gov/cottage-food-program>

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## Cobb County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Cobb County                                                                                                                                    | Fulton County                                                                                                                                  | Cherokee County                                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Not specified; standard sanitation applies                                                                                                     | State baseline applies                                                                                                                         | Not specified at county level; state GMP principles apply                                                                                      |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | As of HB 398 (July 2025): direct-to-consumer, online, retail store sales, and wholesale permitted. No state cap.                               | State law (eff. July 2025) allows interstate sales, wholesale, retail, online, and restaurant sales. No annual sales cap. Broad food catego... | As of July 2025: direct and indirect sales allowed; wholesale, retail, online, and restaurant sales permitted; interstate sales allowed (un... |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Varies by city                                                                                                                                 | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | State baseline applies. As of HB 398 (July 1, 2025): no state license required. ANSI-accredited food safety training (food handler level ac... | Georgia HB 398 (effective July 1, 2025) dramatically expanded the cottage food law: no license or fee required, complaint-based inspections... | As of July 1, 2025 (HB 398): no license or fee required; inspection complaint-based only; broad food list allowed. Food handler certificati... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Standard food storage practices                                                                                                                | State baseline applies                                                                                                                         | Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; July 2025 expansion broadened allowed foods significantly                                                          |
| POPULATION                 | 765,813                                                                                                                                        | 1,061,944                                                                                                                                      | 268,567                                                                                                                                        |

## More pages for this place

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

Georgia permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/georgia.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/georgia.pdf)

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