

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Richmond County, Georgia?

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	—

GEORGIA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

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

What you need

Richmond 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

Varies

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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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.

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State law page: 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. Augusta-Richmond County (consolidated city-county) may have home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Augusta-Richmond County Planning & Development Department (augustaga.gov) for home occupation permit requirements for food businesses. Georgia HB 398 removed state-level licensing/inspection requirements but local zoning still applies.

Health

Upon-complaint. Georgia HB 398 (eff. July 2025): complaint-based inspection only; no routine or pre-operational inspections required.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Georgia HB 398 allows all sales channels: direct from home, online, through retailers, restaurants, and wholesalers. Interstate sales permitted (rare nationally). Home pickup and delivery allowed.

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.augustaga.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://www.augustaga.gov>

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

<https://law.justia.com/codes/georgia/2020/title-26/chapter-2/>

Richmond County and nearby places

Regulation	Richmond County	Columbia County	Burke County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit pet restriction in Georgia HB 398 cottage food law. Standard food safety practices apply.	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practices apply.	Not specified in state law; products must not be contaminated
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Georgia HB 398 allows all sales channels: direct from home, online, through retailers, restaurants, and wholesalers. Interstate sales permi...	Under HB 398, sales permitted via wholesale, retail, online, and direct. Delivery allowed. Interstate sales now permitted.	Under HB 398 (eff. July 2025): direct-to-consumer sales, online sales, sales to retail stores, restaurants, and interstate sales are all pe...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Georgia HB 398 (effective July 1, 2025) dramatically expanded cottage food law: no license or fee required, complaint-based inspections onl...	Georgia HB 398 (eff. July 1, 2025): no license or fee required. Complaint-based inspections only. Interstate sales now allowed. Wholesale, ...	Must be produced in operator's primary domestic residence home kitchen only. Secondary homes, vacation homes, or motor homes do not qualify...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS (non-potentially hazardous) foods only. Standard GMP storage practices.	Non-TCS foods only; proper storage to prevent contamination.	Ingredients and finished products must be stored appropriately in the domestic residence
POPULATION	206,153	156,921	24,337

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