

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Elkhart County, Indiana?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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INDIANA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Indiana permits PDF](#)[Indiana cottage food law page](#)[Indiana State Department of Health cottage food program](#)[Statute: Ind. Code §16-42-5.2](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Elkhart County, Indiana. 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

No

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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Indiana permits PDF →

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

Permit page for this place →

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Elkhart County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/indiana/elkhart-county>

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

Where to file

State

Indiana registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Sales to restaurants, retail stores, and wholesale are prohibited; producers may sell at events, farmers markets, home, online, and roadside stands only.

Indiana permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/indiana.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/indiana

Indiana State Department of Health: [https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-\(cottage-foods\)/](https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-(cottage-foods)/)

Statute: [Ind. Code §16-42-5.2](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Indiana state law preempts local licensing/inspection requirements for home-based food vendors. However, Elkhart County and municipalities (Goshen, Elkhart City, Mishawaka area, Nappanee) may still have general home occupation zoning requirements. Contact Elkhart County Plan Commission or relevant municipal zoning office.

Health

No. Indiana state law (HEA 1149, 2022) preempts local government from adding licensing or inspection requirements for home-based vendors. No routine inspections. Local health department may investigate upon complaint.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Indiana home-based vendor law (2022) allows sales from home, online, farmers markets, and other venues. Home pickup and delivery permitted. No sales cap. Acidified foods remain prohibited (require separate food establishment license).

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Local health departments license retail food. Indiana home-based vendor rules do not replace a retail food establishment permit. A commissary is licensed by the local health department.

Official source: [ISDH food protection](#)

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

[https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-\(cottage-foods\)/](https://www.in.gov/health/food-protection/home-based-vendor-(cottage-foods)/)

<http://iga.in.gov/laws/2022/ic/titles/016/articles/042/chapters/005.2>

Elkhart County and nearby places

Regulation	Elkhart County	St. Joseph County	Kosciusko County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state-level pet restriction in Indiana home-based vendor statute. Standard food safety practices apply.	Not specified; home kitchen must be clean and sanitary	Not specified in Indiana cottage food law.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Indiana home-based vendor law (2022) allows sales from home, online, farmers markets, and other venues. Home pickup and delivery permitted....	Direct-to-consumer only: home pickup, delivery, farmers markets, events. No wholesale, no consignment, no restaurant sales.	Direct sales from home, online within Indiana, at events and farmers markets permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Indiana home-based vendor law (IC 16-42-5.3, enacted 2022 HEA 1149) allows sales of most non-PHF (non-potentially hazardous) foods from hom...	Non-potentially hazardous foods only; must have ANSI-accredited food handler certificate provided to local health department. Sales are dir...	Same as all Indiana counties: no license required; food handler certificate (ANSI-accredited) provided to local health department; non-PHF ...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF foods only; no refrigerated items. Standard GMP storage practices.	Non-TCS shelf-stable storage; no refrigerated finished products	No specific statutory requirement.
POPULATION	206,841	272,388	80,442

More pages for this place

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

Indiana permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/indiana.pdf

Indiana cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/indiana

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