

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Douglas County, Kansas?

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

**—**

KANSAS RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Kansas permits PDF](#)[Kansas cottage food law page](#)[Kansas Department of Agriculture cottage food program](#)[Statute: K.S.A. §65-657](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

## What you need

Douglas County, Kansas. 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.

### CONTINUE ONLINE

[Kansas permits PDF →](#)

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

[Kansas cottage food law page →](#)

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

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<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/kansas/douglas-county>

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

<https://crosodo.com/states/kansas/douglas-county>

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

## Where to file

### State

Kansas registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Indirect sales to restaurants, retail stores, or wholesale are not allowed under the exemption; producers needing wholesale or retail channels must obtain a KDA food processing license.

Kansas permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/kansas.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/kansas.pdf)

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

Kansas Department of Agriculture: <https://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/dairy-food-safety/cottage-food>

Statute: [K.S.A. §65-657](#)

### Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Douglas County requires home-based business registration for Type 2 businesses (production of materials for sale off-premise, like cottage food). Type 2 businesses must biennially register and pay a registration fee. As of 2025 proposed amendment (unanimously recommended by Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Commission, Dec 2024): Type 1 (lower-impact) would be permitted by right with no registration. Type 2 remains registration-required biennially. Contact Douglas County Zoning and Codes at 785-331-1343 or [zoning@dgccoks.gov](mailto:zoning@dgccoks.gov).

Planning: <https://www.dgccoks.gov/zoning-and-codes/home-business>

### Health

Upon-complaint. Kansas does not require routine inspections for cottage food. Kansas Admin. Regs. §4-28-33 sets sanitation rules. Complaint-driven investigation possible.

### Business license

Yes

### Pickup / delivery

Kansas allows direct sales only: home, farmers markets, events, online. No wholesale or retail store sales. Out-of-state sales allowed with additional requirements per KSU Extension.

### If you rent a commissary kitchen

**KDA licenses food establishments.** Kansas cottage food is an exemption from a food-establishment license. Selling from a commissary typically requires a KDA food establishment or food processing license.

Official source: [KDA food safety and lodging](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.douglascountyks.org>

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**

<https://www.dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes/home-business>

<https://www.douglascountyks.org>

<https://www.dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes/home-business>

<https://www.dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes/feature/2025/01/09/updated-home-based-business-regulations>

<http://dgcoks.gov/zoning-and-codes/zoning>

<https://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/dairy-food-safety/cottage-food>

[https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/chapters/ch65/065\\_006\\_0057.html](https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/chapters/ch65/065_006_0057.html)

## Douglas County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Douglas County                                                                                                                                 | Leavenworth County                                                                                                                             | Shawnee County                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No specific state restriction; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.                                                                | Not specified in state law; Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33 sets sanitation rules for exempt establishments.                                        | No explicit state restriction; Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33 sets sanitation rules for exempt establishments.                                     |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 | Upon-complaint                                                                                                                                 |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | No                                                                                                                                             |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Kansas allows direct sales only: home, farmers markets, events, online. No wholesale or retail store sales. Out-of-state sales allowed with... | Direct sales to consumers anywhere in Kansas; out-of-state sales allowed with additional requirements per KSU Extension MF3138 guide.          | Direct-to-consumer sales at home, farmers markets, online with delivery. Out-of-state sales allowed with additional requirements per KSU Ex... |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Kansas allows nearly all non-TCS foods for direct consumer sales without registration or inspection. Douglas County (Lawrence) has home-bas... | Kansas cottage food: no registration, no inspection required. Broad range of non-TCS foods allowed for direct sales to consumers. Some lab-... | No registration, no inspection, no cap. Direct sales only. Non-TCS foods. Some items (acidified foods, oils) prohibited. Some lab-tested it... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Non-TCS shelf-stable products. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas), most perishable baked goods, low-acid canned foods, kombucha, and meat je... | Sanitation rules under Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33 apply.                                                                                       | Shelf-stable products stored in sanitary conditions per KAR 4-28-33.                                                                           |
| POPULATION                 | 119,094                                                                                                                                        | 82,050                                                                                                                                         | 178,625                                                                                                                                        |

## More pages for this place

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

Kansas permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/kansas.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/kansas.pdf)

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