

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Ellis County, Kansas?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-06.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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

What you need

Ellis 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

Varies

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

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

State law page: 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

Varies. No state-level food permit required for non-TCS cottage foods. Local zoning ordinances for home occupations may require a permit. Contact Ellis County zoning or City of Hays planning department to verify requirements for home-based food businesses.

Health

Upon-complaint. Kansas Department of Agriculture may investigate complaints; no routine home kitchen inspection for exempt cottage food operations.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer only. Sales allowed at home, farmers markets, events, roadside stands, online with delivery within Kansas. No wholesale or retail resale. Out-of-state shipping allowed with additional requirements.

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.elliscounty.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.elliscounty.gov>

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

https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/chapters/ch65/065_006_0057.html

Ellis County and nearby places

Regulation	Ellis County	Russell County	Rooks County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law; good sanitary practices required.	Not specified in state law	Not specified in state law
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer only. Sales allowed at home, farmers markets, events, roadside stands, online with delivery within Kansas. No wholesale ...	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Kansas exempts non-TCS (shelf-stable) homemade foods sold direct-to-consumer from food establishment licensing requirements (K.S.A. §65-689...	No sales cap. No food handler cert required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; allowed at farm, farmers market, roadside stand, home, and even...	No sales cap. No food handler cert required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; allowed at farm, farmers market, roadside stand, home, and even...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS (shelf-stable) foods only; no refrigeration-required products.	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety
POPULATION	28,921	6,936	4,926

More pages for this place

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

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