

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

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

What you need

Shawnee 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

Yes

LOCAL HEALTH

Upon-complaint

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Conditional

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

Yes. Shawnee County requires a home occupation permit from the Land Use & Development Department for any home-based business in unincorporated residential areas. Standards per Sec. 29.02(a)(9) of Shawnee County Zoning Regulations: business must be secondary to residential use, conducted by residents only, no outdoor activities, business must not create nuisances. A permit is required before establishing any home occupation. City of Topeka has its own home occupation rules separate from county.

Health

Upon-complaint. No routine inspections. Kansas Dept. of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales at home, farmers markets, online with delivery. Out-of-state sales allowed with additional requirements per KSU Extension MF3138.

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.snco.us>

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.snco.us>

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

https://www.snco.gov/ludev/permitting_permits_homeuse.php

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

Shawnee County and nearby places

Regulation	Shawnee County	Douglas County	Pottawatomie County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state restriction; Kan. Admin. Regs. §4-28-33 sets sanitation rules for exempt establishments.	No specific state restriction; standard food safety sanitation practices apply.	Not specified in state law
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales at home, farmers markets, online with delivery. Out-of-state sales allowed with additional requirements per KSU Ex...	Kansas allows direct sales only: home, farmers markets, events, online. No wholesale or retail store sales. Out-of-state sales allowed with...	Direct delivery to consumer permitted in-state
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Conditional	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	No registration, no inspection, no cap. Direct sales only. Non-TCS foods. Some items (acidified foods, oils) prohibited. Some lab-tested it...	Kansas allows nearly all non-TCS foods for direct consumer sales without registration or inspection. Douglas County (Lawrence) has home-bas...	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	Shelf-stable products stored in sanitary conditions per KAR 4-28-33.	Non-TCS shelf-stable products. Acidified foods (pickles, salsas), most perishable baked goods, low-acid canned foods, kombucha, and meat je...	Appropriate storage to maintain product safety
POPULATION	178,625	119,094	24,383

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