

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Franklin County, Kentucky?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

\$60,000 / year

KENTUCKY RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Kentucky permits PDF](#)[Kentucky cottage food law page](#)[Kentucky Department for Public Health cottage food program](#)[Statute: KRS §217.137](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Franklin County, Kentucky. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

\$60,000 / year

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.

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

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

Where to file

State

Kentucky registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Sales limited to direct-to-consumer only within Kentucky — from home (pickup or delivery), markets, roadside stands, community events, and online; shipping outside Kentucky is prohibited, and sales to restaurants or retail stores for resale are not allowed.

Kentucky permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/kentucky.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/kentucky

Kentucky Department for Public Health: <https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/fsb/Pages/cottage-foods.aspx>

Statute: [KRS §217.137](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Franklin County Health Department administers Home-Based Processor Law (HB 263). No separate local home occupation permit identified in research for unincorporated Franklin County. City of Frankfort may require separate business licensing for cottage food operations within city limits. Recommend verifying with Franklin County Planning.

Health

Upon-complaint. No routine inspection. Food Safety Branch (502-564-7181) may investigate on complaint or foodborne illness report.

Health: <https://fchd.org/home-based-processor-law-hb263/>

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Products may be sold from the home (pickup or delivery), at non-permitted markets, roadside stands, community events, and online within Kentucky. No wholesale or indirect sales.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Local health departments permit food service. Kentucky cottage food / home-based processor paths do not replace a food-service permit. A commissary is permitted by the local health department.

Official source: [KY food safety](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://fchd.org/home-based-processor-law-hb263/>

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://fchd.org/home-based-processor-law-hb263/>

<https://www.franklincountyky.com>

<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/fsb/Pages/homebasedprocessing.aspx>

<https://fchd.org/home-based-processor-law-hb263/>

<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/fsb/FSDocs/dfs250.pdf>

Franklin County and nearby places

Regulation	Franklin County	Shelby County	Scott County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not explicitly stated in regulations; standard sanitation practices apply.	Not specified in state law	KY state rules do not explicitly address pets but good sanitation practices apply. No specific county override found.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Products may be sold from the home (pickup or delivery), at non-permitted markets, roadside stands, community events, and online within Ken...	Direct-to-consumer only within KY; farmers markets, roadside stands, fairs, festivals, community events, online orders (in-state); home pic...	Direct sales to consumers only (KRS §217.136). In-person at home, farmers markets, events, and similar. No wholesale/retail store channel.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Must be primary residence kitchen. Production limited to non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods. No more than two non-commercial ran...	Annual sales cap \$60,000. Registration required with KY Dept of Public Health (\$50/year). No food handler cert required. Inspection upon co...	Must be producer's primary residence. No commercial ranges/ovens beyond two units; no more than three refrigerators. Commercial equipment p...
FOOD STORAGE	Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated. Products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous.	Appropriate storage for non-TCS products	All products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous. Proper storage to prevent contamination.
POPULATION	51,475	48,105	57,286

More pages for this place

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

Kentucky permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/kentucky.pdf

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