

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Kenton 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 Kenton County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Kenton 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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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. Kenton County unincorporated areas may require home occupation permit for home-based businesses. County seat 'Covington' was blank in input — confirmed as Covington. County is highly urbanized (part of greater Cincinnati metro). County URLs were blank in input.

Health

Upon-complaint. No routine inspections under standard home-based processor pathway. State may investigate upon complaint.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales only within Kentucky. No online sales with out-of-state shipping.

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://www.kentoncounty.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.kentoncounty.gov>

<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dphps/fsb/Pages/cottage-foods.aspx>

<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=44478>

Kenton County and nearby places

Regulation	Kenton County	Boone County	Campbell County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state restriction; no more than two non-commercial ranges/ovens and three refrigerators (commercial equipment prohibited).	Not explicitly prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.	No specific restriction stated; kitchen use restrictions apply (no commercial equipment).
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only within Kentucky. No online sales with out-of-state shipping.	Direct sales only. Sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, and at festivals/events. No wholesale or indirect sales to retail sto...	Direct sales only to consumers. Home pickup, farmers markets, events permitted. No wholesale, retail stores, or mail order.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Registration required (\$50/year). Non-TCS baked goods, candies, jams, jellies, fruit butters, dried goods, syrups (maple/sorghum only), gra...	Annual gross sales capped at \$60,000. Registration (\$50/year, 902 KAR 45:090). No more than two non-commercial ranges/ovens and no more tha...	Kentucky home-based processor law (KRS §217.136): \$60,000 annual sales cap. Registration required (\$50/year, 902 KAR 45:090). Complaint-bas...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage; commercial storage equipment not permitted.	Non-TCS baked goods, candies, jams and jellies, fruit butters, dried goods, syrups (maple and sorghum only), granola, snacks. Refrigerators...	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only; kitchen equipment limited to residential-scale appliances.
POPULATION	169,066	136,150	93,122

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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