

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

\$60,000 / year

KENTUCKY RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

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

What you need

Shelby 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

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

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

Varies. Shelby County zoning is administered by the Triple S Planning Commission (shelbypz.com/zoning-regulations). County regulations cover unincorporated areas; Shelbyville and Simpsonville have separate ordinances. Home occupation provisions are standard; no cottage food-specific overlay identified. Planning commission contact: Triple S Planning Commission, Shelbyville KY.

Health

Upon-complaint. Consumer complaint or foodborne illness investigation

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer only within KY; farmers markets, roadside stands, fairs, festivals, community events, online orders (in-state); home pickup and delivery allowed. No wholesale, no mail delivery, no out-of-state.

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.shelbycounty.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.shelbycounty.gov>

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

<https://ij.org/issues/economic-liberty/homemade-food-seller/kentucky/>

Shelby County and nearby places

Regulation	Shelby County	Franklin County	Oldham County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law	Not explicitly stated in regulations; standard sanitation practices apply.	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 within KY; farmers markets, roadside stands, fairs, festivals, community events, online orders (in-state); home pic...	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; no wholesale; no internet sales to out-of-state
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	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 primary residence kitchen. Production limited to non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable foods. No more than two non-commercial ran...	Annual sales cap \$60,000. No food handler cert required. Registration required with KY Dept of Public Health. Inspection upon complaint onl...
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for non-TCS products	Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated. Products must be shelf-stable and non-potentially hazardous.	Appropriate storage for non-TCS products
POPULATION	48,105	51,475	67,997

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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