

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
No	Yes	Yes	\$30,000 / year

LOUISIANA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Louisiana permits PDF](#)

[Louisiana cottage food law page](#)

[Louisiana Department of Health cottage food program](#)

[Statute: La. R.S. §40:4.13](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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

What you need

St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

\$30,000 / year

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Yes

LOCAL HEALTH

No

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

Louisiana registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Most low-risk foods may be sold indirectly (to restaurants, retail stores), but breads, cakes, cookies, and pies specifically may NOT be sold to any retail business or individual for resale — they are direct-to-consumer only.

Louisiana permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/louisiana.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health: <https://ldh.la.gov/page/cottage-food-laws>

Statute: [La. R.S. §40:4.13](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Yes. St. Charles Parish requires a Home Occupation Permit (\$100 fee). Key restrictions: no sales of products or services at home occupation location unless specifically authorized by the Planning Director; no signs of any type; no customer visits unless authorized; only family residents may engage in the occupation (no outside employees); storage limited to 20% of gross floor area inside building; hand tools and minor equipment only (max 2 hp per piece, 6 hp total). Must obtain parish Occupational License and Health Certificate when required.

Planning: <https://www.stcharlesparish.gov/departments/planning-and-zoning/planning-and-zoning-faqs>

Health

No. No inspection required by state. St. Charles Parish Planning & Zoning may inspect home occupation compliance.

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

No customer visits or on-site sales unless specifically authorized by the Planning Director. Sales must occur through other direct-to-consumer channels. A sales tax certificate from the parish of sale is required before selling.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

LDH permits retail food. Louisiana cottage food is a home path. A commissary is a retail food establishment permitted by the Louisiana Department of Health.

Official source: [LDH retail food](#)

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.stcharlesparish.gov/departments/planning-and-zoning/planning-and-zoning-faqs>

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<https://stcharlesgov.legistar.com/View.ashx?GUID=D07A6AF2-27A8-4F3A-A1B4-4C3C1BDC7B90&ID=3200067&M=F>

St. Charles Parish and nearby places

Regulation	St. Charles Parish	St. John the Baptist Parish	Lafourche Parish
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets excluded from preparation areas required for breads/cakes/cookies/pies (four named baked goods categories).	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas.	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas during production of breads, cakes, cookies, and pies.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	No customer visits or on-site sales unless specifically authorized by the Planning Director. Sales must occur through other direct-to-consumers...	Indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Direct sales permitted from home, farmers markets, events. No wholesaling to retail chains.	Direct and indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Sales at farmers markets, events, from home, and to retail stores permitted. Sales...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Production in home kitchen. Annual gross sales cap of \$30,000. Allowed low-risk foods include baked goods, candies, cane syrup, dried mixes...	Annual gross sales capped at \$30,000. Sales of the four named baked goods categories (breads, cakes, cookies, pies) require: no employee as...	Louisiana cottage food law allows low-risk foods including baked goods, cane syrup, dried mixes, honey, jams/jellies/preserves, pickles and...
FOOD STORAGE	Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated at 45°F or below for the four named baked goods categories.	Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated at 45°F or below. Finished shelf-stable products stored in food-safe containers.	Perishable ingredients requiring refrigeration must be kept at 45°F or below. Products must be shelf-stable or meet temperature requirement...
POPULATION	52,191	41,986	97,220

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