

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

\$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. John the Baptist Parish. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

St. John the Baptist 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

Varies

LOCAL HEALTH

No

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

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

Varies. St. John the Baptist Parish is a suburban/rural parish between New Orleans and Baton Rouge. A parish sales tax certificate is required before selling. No specific parish-level cottage food ordinance identified.

Health

No. No routine inspection required. LDH may investigate upon complaint or illness report.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Direct sales permitted from home, farmers markets, events. No wholesaling to retail chains.

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://ldh.la.gov/page/cottage-food-laws>

<https://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=98431>

St. John the Baptist Parish and nearby places

Regulation	St. John the Baptist Parish	St. Charles Parish	St. James Parish
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas.	Pets excluded from preparation areas required for breads/cakes/cookies/pies (four named baked goods categories).	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	No	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Direct sales permitted from home, farmers markets, events. No wholesaling to retail chains.	No customer visits or on-site sales unless specifically authorized by the Planning Director. Sales must occur through other direct-to-consu...	Indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Direct sales permitted from home, farmers markets, events. No wholesaling to retail chains.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Yes	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Yes	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Annual gross sales capped at \$30,000. Sales of the four named baked goods categories (breads, cakes, cookies, pies) require: no employee as...	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...
FOOD STORAGE	Perishable ingredients must be refrigerated at 45°F or below. Finished shelf-stable products stored in food-safe containers.	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.
POPULATION	41,986	52,191	20,090

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