

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

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. Tammany Parish. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

St. Tammany 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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Permit page for this place →

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St. Tammany Parish cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/louisiana/st-tammany-parish>

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. Tammany Parish allows home occupations as accessory use in residential zones. Business license and home occupation permit typically required. Business must be secondary to residential use. No external signage, typically no on-site employees, limited customer visits. Cities of Covington, Slidell, and Mandeville have city-specific rules that may differ.

Health

No. No routine inspection required; state law does not require inspection for cottage food

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Some indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods; the four named baked-goods categories (breads/cakes/cookies/pies) have stricter direct-only rules. Sales tax certificate required.

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](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.stpgov.org>

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.stpgov.org>

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

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/st-tammany-parish-la>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/cottage-food/st-tammany-parish-la>

St. Tammany Parish and nearby places

Regulation	St. Tammany Parish	Orleans Parish	Tangipahoa Parish
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Conditional	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets must be excluded from preparation areas during production	Pets excluded from bakery area during production of breads, cakes, cookies, and pies.	Pets must be excluded from food preparation areas.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	No	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Some indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods; the four named baked-goods categories (breads/cakes/cookies/pies) have stricter direct...	Direct-to-consumer sales. Most low-risk foods (except baked goods) may also be sold indirectly. Baked goods (breads/cakes/cookies/pies) are...	Indirect sales allowed for most low-risk foods. Direct sales from home, farmers markets, and events permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	Low-risk non-TCS foods only; \$30,000 annual sales cap (raised from \$20,000 by HB 828, Act 357, 2022). Sales tax certificate from parish of ...	Louisiana allows low-risk foods prepared at home for sale under La. R.S. §40:4.9. No state permit required. Annual gross sales cap \$30,000....	Annual gross sales capped at \$30,000. For the four named baked goods categories (breads, cakes, cookies, pies): no employee assistance, pet...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS; refrigerated ingredients must be held at 45°F or below; finished products must be shelf-stable	Perishable ingredients refrigerated at 45°F or below. Non-TCS finished products.	Perishable ingredients refrigerated at 45°F or below. Finished shelf-stable products stored in food-safe containers.
POPULATION	266,168	380,408	133,953

More pages for this place

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

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

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