

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Baltimore City, Maryland?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
Depends	Conditional	Varies	\$50,000 / year

MARYLAND RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

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[Maryland cottage food law page](#)

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

[Statute: MD COMAR 10.15.03.27](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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

What you need

Baltimore City, Maryland. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Depends

ANNUAL SALES CAP

\$50,000 / 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

Maryland registration: Depends. Routine kitchen inspection: Upon-complaint. Sales at retail food stores (indirect) are allowed but require prior submission of labels and documentation of ANSI-accredited food safety course completion to the Maryland Department of Health before any retail sales can commence. The Department must notify the producer in writing that requirements are met before retail sales begin.

Maryland permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/maryland.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/maryland

Maryland Department of Health: <https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OEHFP/OFPCHS/Pages/Cottage-Food.aspx>

Statute: [MD COMAR 10.15.03.27](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Baltimore City is an independent city (equivalent to a county) with its own health department and zoning code. Maryland state guidelines direct producers to 'contact your local permits, licensing and zoning department.' Baltimore City Zoning Code governs home occupations. Cottage food businesses must comply with city zoning, and a home occupation permit or business license from Baltimore City may be required. Baltimore City Health Department may have additional requirements.

Health

Upon-complaint. Complaint-based inspection only per Maryland state cottage food guidelines; Baltimore City Health Department may also have authority

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales: home, farmers markets, public events, personal delivery, mail order within Maryland. Sales to retail stores require MDH review. \$50,000 annual cap. No out-of-state sales.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

MDH and local health license food facilities. Maryland cottage food is not a food-service facility license. A commissary is a food service facility licensed by the local health department.

Official source: [MDH food protection](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.baltimorecity.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.baltimorecity.gov>

https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OEHFP/OFPCS/Updated_CF_Guidelines_2025.pdf

<https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OEHFP/OFPCS/Pages/Cottage-Food.aspx>

Baltimore city and nearby places

Regulation	Baltimore city	Anne Arundel County	Baltimore County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; general sanitation standards	Not specified; standard sanitation applies
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 sales: home, farmers markets, public events, personal delivery, mail order within Maryland. Sales to retail stores requi...	Direct-to-consumer sales: home, farmers markets, public events, personal delivery, mail order within Maryland. Sales to retail stores requi...	Farmers markets, fairs, festivals, customer pickup from home, retail stores (up to 50% of sales), and personal/ mail delivery within Marylan...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. \$50,000 annual gross sales cap. Must comply with all applicable city laws and ordinances. Baltimore C...	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. \$50,000 annual gross sales cap. MDH review required for sales at retail stores (Class B equivalent); ...	State baseline applies. Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Annual cap \$50,000. Cottage food businesses must comply with applicable count...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-PHF foods	Standard home kitchen storage for approved non-PHF foods	Standard food storage per MDH guidelines
POPULATION	584,548	588,109	850,737

More pages for this place

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

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