

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Kent County, Michigan?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies by city

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

\$50,000 / year

MICHIGAN RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Michigan permits PDF](#)[Michigan cottage food law page](#)[Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development cottage food program](#)[Statute: MCL §289.4102](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Kent County, Michigan. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

\$50,000 / year

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Varies by city

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

Michigan registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Sales through retail stores, restaurants, or wholesale are prohibited. Online sales, mail order, and third-party delivery platform sales (e.g., DoorDash) are allowed in-state only, but require the producer to offer the customer an opportunity to directly interact (face-to-face or virtually) before purchase. A separate \$75,000 cap applies if all products are priced at \$250 or more per item. Honey and maple syrup have a separate exemption permitting indirect retail sales up to \$15,000/year.

Michigan permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/michigan.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/michigan

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods>

Statute: [MCL §289.4102](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies by city. Michigan cottage food law exempts from state licensing/inspection but expressly states 'contact your local unit of government to determine if there are local regulations that will affect your business.' City of Grand Rapids has a tiered Home Occupation license system (Class A, B, C). Grand Rapids Class C is for lodging; Class A/B likely required for food production. Kent County townships may have separate zoning requirements.

Health

Upon-complaint. MDARD will inspect upon complaint or foodborne illness investigation; may seize adulterated product, order label corrections, require discontinuation of unapproved products

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales within Michigan only via farmers markets, craft shows, roadside stands, internet/mail order, or third-party delivery platform if direct interaction with operator occurs before sale. No out-of-state sales.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Local health departments license food service. Michigan cottage food is an exemption. A commissary is a food service establishment licensed by the local health department.

Official source: [MDARD foods](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.accesskent.com>

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.accesskent.com>

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/michigan-cottage-foods-information>

<https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/departments/clerks-office/business-licenses/apply-for-home-occupation-licenses/home-occupation-class-c-license/>

https://www.kentwood.us/michigan_s_cottage_food_law.php

Kent County and nearby places

Regulation	Kent County	Ottawa County	Muskegon County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state cottage food pet restriction found; general sanitation standards apply	No specific state restriction; general sanitation applies	No explicit state pet restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Upon-complaint	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales within Michigan only via farmers markets, craft shows, roadside stands, internet/mail order, or third-party delivery platform ...	Direct to consumer only; farmers markets, events, roadside stands; no retail or wholesale	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, online with in-state delivery (virtual interaction required under 2025 amendment).
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies by city	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Must be the kitchen of the person's primary domestic residence (single-family home). Second homes, vacation homes, motor homes do not quali...	Non-TCS non-potentially-hazardous foods only; \$50,000 annual cap; direct to consumer only; no retail/wholesale; labeling required	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Sales cap \$50,000/year (raised by 2025 HB 4122, effective March 2026). Direct sales only; no consignm...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be stored at primary residence following safe good handling guidelines to prevent adulteration (insects, chemicals, water dam...	Non-TCS foods stored in sanitary conditions	Store products in clean, pest-free area separate from non-food items.
POPULATION	657,321	296,183	175,947

More pages for this place

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

Michigan permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/michigan.pdf

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