

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in St. Joseph County, Michigan?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

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 St. Joseph County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

St. Joseph 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

LOCAL HEALTH

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

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

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. St. Joseph County and local townships/municipalities may have home occupation zoning requirements. Operators should verify with their local township or the St. Joseph County Planning and Zoning Department.

Health

No. No routine or complaint-only inspection authority specified for cottage food in MCL §289.4102.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales to consumers only (no wholesale or consignment). Home pickup, farmers markets, events permitted. 2025 amendment allows online/mail order/third-party delivery platforms with face-to-face or virtual interaction requirement (effective March 2026).

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](#)

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.michigan.gov/mdard/food-dairy/cottage-foods>

<https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-289-4102>

St. Joseph County and nearby places

Regulation	St. Joseph County	Cass County	Van Buren County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.	Not specified in state cottage food law.	Not specified in state statute.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales to consumers only (no wholesale or consignment). Home pickup, farmers markets, events permitted. 2025 amendment allows online/...	Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online, mail order, and third-party delivery platform sales allowed per 2025 amendment (MCL §289.4102, effec...	Direct sales with face-to-face or virtual interaction required. Online and mail order now allowed (2025 amendment). No wholesale or consign...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Michigan cottage food law (MCL §289.4102) allows non-potentially hazardous foods from home kitchen. No registration, no inspection required...	Must produce in home kitchen. Non-potentially hazardous foods only (approved list). Direct-to-consumer sales only. Online/mail order/third-...	Non-potentially hazardous foods produced in a home kitchen. \$50,000 annual sales cap (effective March 2026 per 2025 HB 4122). Direct sales ...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-potentially hazardous, shelf-stable. No reduced oxygen packaging.	Products must be non-potentially hazardous; proper storage implied.	Non-potentially hazardous products must be stored properly. Only two approved buttercream frosting recipes permitted.
POPULATION	60,887	51,604	75,636

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