

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri?

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

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MISSOURI RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Missouri permits PDF](#)[Missouri cottage food law page](#)[Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services cottage food program](#)[Statute: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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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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Missouri permits PDF →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/missouri.pdf>

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Permit page for this place →

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Cape Girardeau County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/missouri/cape-girardeau-county>

Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

Missouri registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Under §196.298, sales must be directly to consumers from the producer's home. Events, farmers markets, restaurants, retail stores, and roadside stands are not permitted under this law. Internet/online sales are allowed but only if both the producer and buyer are located in Missouri. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating the production of food at cottage food operations. A separate Missouri statute (individual stands law) allows sales at events and roadside stands in counties that have adopted it, permitting most other nonperishable foods.

Missouri permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/missouri.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/missouri

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services: <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php>

Statute: [Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. Cape Girardeau County and the City of Jackson (county seat) plus Cape Girardeau (city) may have home occupation permit requirements. County govt URL: <https://www.capecounty.us>. No specific county cottage food ordinance identified.

Health

No. Local health departments prohibited from regulating cottage food production under §196.298(3)(1).

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales from home; online sales with in-state shipping permitted. No retail or restaurant sales.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

A commissary is a food establishment. Cottage food is not. Missouri cottage food is not a food-service establishment. A rented kitchen is permitted by the local health department or DHSS.

Official source: [Missouri DHSS food safety](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.capecounty.us>

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.capecounty.us>

<https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=196.298>

<https://www.capecounty.us>

Cape Girardeau County and nearby places

Regulation	Cape Girardeau County	Scott County	Stoddard County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law.	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Unknown	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales from home; online sales with in-state shipping permitted. No retail or restaurant sales.	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022...	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Unknown	Unknown
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Unknown	Unknown
RESTRICTIONS	Missouri cottage food: no registration, no inspection, no local health department regulation. Only nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/j...	Missouri state law (\$196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/ jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50...	Missouri state law (\$196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/ jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50...
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.
POPULATION	81,703	38,055	28,656

More pages for this place

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

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