

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Jefferson County, Missouri?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
No	Yes	Varies	—

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

What you need

Jefferson 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

Yes

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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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

Yes. Jefferson County Code of Ordinances Section 400.230 requires a Home Occupation Permit. Requirements include: applicant must reside at the location; no more than one on-premises employee (besides residents); home occupation cannot exceed 1/3 of gross floor area; no tandem axle vehicle or outdoor storage. Application must be submitted to Jefferson County Planning Division. Note: Arnold, Herculaneum, and Festus (cities within Jefferson County) have their own rules.

Health

No. Missouri law expressly bars local health departments from regulating cottage food production (§196.298(3)(1)). No routine inspections. State may investigate foodborne illness complaints.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment, HB 1697), and at events/farmers markets. Home pickup permitted. Delivery to customers allowed.

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.jeffcomo.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.jeffcomo.gov>

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php>

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

<https://www.jeffcomo.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3070/Home-Occupation-Permit-Application-PDF>

<https://www.cityrulelookup.com/home-business/zoning/jefferson-county-mo>

Jefferson County and nearby places

Regulation	Jefferson County	Franklin County	St. Francois County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.	No specific state restriction.	Not specified in state law
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home, online (in-state shipping as of 2022 amendment, HB 1697), and at event...	Direct-to-consumer at home and via online/in-state shipping. Farmers markets, events, restaurants, retail stores, roadside stands prohibit...	Direct-to-consumer only; delivery by producer permitted in-state
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Missouri state law (§196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs. Jefferson...	Missouri primary statute (§196.298) allows only: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned...	No sales cap. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No kitchen inspection required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; no wh...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.	Only baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs under §196.298. All other food types prohibited.	Appropriate storage for non-perishable products
POPULATION	226,984	104,858	66,814

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

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