

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in St. Charles 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	Yes	—

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

What you need

St. Charles 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

Yes

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. St. Charles County requires a Home Occupation Permit from Planning and Zoning Division (201 N. Second St., Suite 420, St. Charles, MO 63301; 636-949-7335; Planning@sccmo.org). Business Occupancy Permit also required from Building Division. If operation will prepare or serve food, must also contact Public Health Department (1650 Boone's Lick, St. Charles, MO 63301; 636-949-1800). Note: Missouri state law prohibits local health departments from regulating cottage food production itself, but local zoning/business licensing compliance is still required.

Health

No. No inspection permitted at state or local level per §196.298(3)(1).

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales only from home under §196.298 (no farmers markets, events, restaurants, or retail stores). Online/in-state shipping permitted per 2022 amendment (HB 1697). Missouri's separate individual-stands law may allow broader sales in some counties.

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.sccmo.org>

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.sccmo.org>

<https://www.sccmo.org/1611/Home-Occupation-Permit>

<https://sccmo.org/FAQ.aspx?QID=224>

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

St. Charles County and nearby places

Regulation	St. Charles County	Franklin County	Lincoln County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Conditional	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction; standard food safety practices apply.	No specific state restriction.	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales only from home under \$196.298 (no farmers markets, events, restaurants, or retail stores). Online/in-state shipping permitted ...	Direct-to-consumer at home and via online/in-state shipping. Farmers markets, events, restaurants, retail stores, roadside stands prohibite...	Direct sales to consumers. Home pickup, farmers markets, events permitted. Online/in-state shipping also allowed per 2022 amendment (HB 169...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Missouri cottage food law (Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298) allows nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pie...	Missouri primary statute (§196.298) allows only: nonperishable baked goods (cookies, cakes, breads, danish, donuts, pastries, pies), canned...	Missouri cottage food law (§196.298) allows nonperishable baked goods, canned jams and jellies, and dried herbs/herb mixes only. No registr...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-perishable baked goods, canned jams/jellies, dried herbs only. No TCS foods.	Only baked goods, canned jams/jellies, and dried herbs under \$196.298. All other food types prohibited.	Products must be nonperishable; no specific storage mandate.
POPULATION	406,262	104,858	60,172

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