

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in Brunswick County, North Carolina?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Yes**

HOME OCCUPATION

**Varies**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**Varies**

SALES CAP

**—**

NORTH CAROLINA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[North Carolina permits PDF](#)

[North Carolina cottage food law page](#)

[North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services cottage food program](#)

[Statute: 02 NCAC 9C.0307](#)

**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

## What you need

Brunswick County, North Carolina. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**Yes**

ANNUAL SALES CAP

**—**

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

**Varies**

LOCAL HEALTH

**Yes**

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.

### CONTINUE ONLINE

**North Carolina permits PDF →**

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/north-carolina.pdf>

**North Carolina cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/north-carolina>

**Permit page for this place →**

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/north-carolina/brunswick-county>

**Brunswick County cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/north-carolina/brunswick-county>

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

## Where to file

### State

North Carolina registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Yes. Home processors may sell to retail stores, restaurants, and directly to consumers. Sales at farmers markets are permitted. Labels are required for wholesale and packaged self-service retail; direct hand-to-consumer sales (e.g., from home or at events) may be exempt from affixed labels if ingredient info is available on request. NC requires annual home kitchen inspection, which is unusual among no-cap states.

North Carolina permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/north-carolina.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/north-carolina.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/north-carolina](https://crosodo.com/states/north-carolina)

North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: <https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/food-drug-protection/food-program/fdpd-food-program-home-processor>

Statute: [02 NCAC 9C.0307](#)

### Zoning / home occupation

Varies. Brunswick County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. Brunswick County is a fast-growing coastal county. No specific county-level cottage food permit override identified. Check with Brunswick County Planning at [brunswickcountync.gov](http://brunswickcountync.gov).

### Health

Yes. Annual inspection by NCDA&CS required before and after registration.

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Direct and indirect sales permitted within NC. Sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, restaurants, and retail stores allowed.

### If you rent a commissary kitchen

**NCDA or the local health department, depending on the food.** North Carolina home processors register with NCDA. A commissary used as a food service kitchen is typically permitted by the local health department; a food manufacturing plant is NCDA. Ask the kitchen which license they operate under.

Official source: [NCDHHS food protection](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.brunswickcountync.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.

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## SOURCES

<https://www.brunswickcountync.gov>

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<https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/food-and-drug-protection/home-processor-inspections>

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## Brunswick County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Brunswick County                                                                                                                               | Pender County                                                                                                                                  | New Hanover County                                                                                                                             |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No pets allowed in the home — any pets disqualify the applicant from the NC home processor program.                                            | No pets allowed in the home at all — presence of pet animals in the home disqualifies the applicant under GMP requirements (21 CFR 117 Subp... | No pets allowed in home at any time — presence of any pet disqualifies applicant                                                               |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct and indirect sales permitted within NC. Sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, restaurants, and retail stores allowed.      | Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, home delivery, and online (within NC). Indirect sales to stores permit... | Direct and indirect sales allowed (retail, restaurants, markets) after annual inspection. Wilmington city limits have municipal zoning.        |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Annual inspection by NCDA&CS required. Pets in the home disqualify the applicant entirely. Products must be shelf-stable; no refrigerated o... | NC state law requires annual home kitchen inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify the applicant entirely. Shelf-stable, low-risk... | Annual home kitchen inspection by NCDA&CS required. Pets in home at any time disqualify applicant. Kitchen must be in the dwelling. Shelf-s... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Shelf-stable only; products stored per good manufacturing practices.                                                                           | Shelf-stable storage required; products must be non-refrigerated.                                                                              | Shelf-stable foods only; no refrigerated or frozen products                                                                                    |
| POPULATION                 | 139,721                                                                                                                                        | 61,592                                                                                                                                         | 228,134                                                                                                                                        |

## More pages for this place

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

North Carolina permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/north-carolina.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/north-carolina.pdf)

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