

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT	HOME OCCUPATION	BUSINESS LICENSE	SALES CAP
Yes	Varies	Varies	—

NORTH CAROLINA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

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

What you need

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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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.

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

State law page: 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. Rockingham County (Wentworth) may have local home occupation zoning requirements. No Rockingham County-specific cottage food permit beyond state home processor registration identified.

Health

Yes. Annual inspection of home kitchen by NCDA&CS. Registration required.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct and indirect sales (NC allows wholesale). Farmers markets, events, home, retail stores permitted. Must be registered with NCDA&CS.

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.rockinghamcounty.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.rockinghamcounty.gov>

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

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

Rockingham County and nearby places

Regulation	Rockingham County	Stokes County	Caswell County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	ANY pet animals in the home DISQUALIFY the applicant from obtaining a NC home processor permit.	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 the home at all — any pets in the home disqualify the applicant from the NC home processor program.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales (NC allows wholesale). Farmers markets, events, home, retail stores permitted. Must be registered with NCDA&CS.	Sales permitted at farms, farm stands, farmers markets, craft fairs, home delivery, and online (within NC). Indirect sales to stores permit...	Direct sales permitted at home, farmers markets, roadside stands, online, restaurants, and retail stores within North Carolina.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	North Carolina home processor program (02 NCAC 09C .0307) requires annual inspection of the home kitchen by NCDA&CS. No sales cap. Allowed:...	NC state law requires annual home kitchen inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify the applicant entirely. Shelf-stable, low-risk...	Home kitchen must pass annual inspection by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify the applicant entirely. Products must be shelf-stable; no ...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-refrigerated products only; no frozen, dairy, seafood, or cream-filled pastries.	Shelf-stable storage required; products must be non-refrigerated.	All products must be shelf-stable. No refrigeration required for finished products. Ingredients and products stored per good manufacturing ...
POPULATION	91,209	46,311	23,401

More pages for this place

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

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