

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Wilkes 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

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

What you need

Wilkes 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

Conditional

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/wilkes-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. County seat is Wilkesboro; no specific Wilkes County home occupation permit for cottage food identified. Local zoning ordinance may apply. Contact Wilkes County Planning at (336) 651-7350.

Health

Yes. Annual inspection required by NCDA&CS before permit issuance and annually thereafter

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct and indirect sales allowed; no online shipping restriction; products must be shelf-stable

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.wilkescounty.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.wilkescounty.gov>

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

[http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac/title%2002%20-%20agriculture%20and%20consumer%20services/
chapter%2009%20-%20food%20and%20drug%20protection/subchapter%20c/02%20ncac%2009c%20.0307.pdf](http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac/title%2002%20-%20agriculture%20and%20consumer%20services/chapter%2009%20-%20food%20and%20drug%20protection/subchapter%20c/02%20ncac%2009c%20.0307.pdf)

Wilkes County and nearby places

Regulation	Wilkes County	Surry County	Watauga County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Pets in the home DISQUALIFY the applicant from the NC Home Processor program entirely	Pet animals in the home disqualify the applicant entirely	Pet animals in the home DISQUALIFY the applicant for NC home processor registration (state rule). Town of Boone home occupation rules also ...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales allowed; no online shipping restriction; products must be shelf-stable	Direct-to-consumer sales; no wholesale or retail resale	Direct and indirect sales permitted under NC program. Within Town of Boone: customers visiting home may trigger home occupation restriction...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Yes
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Yes
RESTRICTIONS	NC requires annual inspection of the home kitchen by NCDA&CS. Pets in the home disqualify applicants. Kitchen must meet GMP requirements (2...	Home processor registration required with NC Dept of Agriculture. Initial kitchen inspection required. No sales cap. Shelf-stable, low-risk...	Annual kitchen inspection by NCDA&CS required. No sales cap. Allowed: shelf-stable, low-risk foods. Pets in home disqualify applicant. Town...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable foods only; proper storage away from contaminants	Products must be shelf-stable; appropriate storage required	Shelf-stable, non-refrigerated products only.
POPULATION	66,125	71,429	54,540

More pages for this place

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

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