

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Franklin County, Ohio?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies by city

SALES CAP

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OHIO RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Ohio permits PDF](#)[Ohio cottage food law page](#)[Ohio Department of Agriculture cottage food program](#)[Statute: O.R.C. §3715.023; §3715.025; Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Franklin County, Ohio. 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

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies by city

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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Ohio permits PDF →

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Ohio cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/ohio>

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/ohio/franklin-county>

Franklin County cottage food law page →

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

Where to file

State

Ohio registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Labeled cottage food products may be sold to or used by retail food establishments and food service operations licensed under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3717. This enables indirect/wholesale sales within Ohio. Products may not be sold outside the state of Ohio.

Ohio permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/ohio.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/ohio

Ohio Department of Agriculture: <https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/cottage-foods>

Statute: [O.R.C. §3715.023](#); [§3715.025](#); Ohio Admin. Code Ch. 901:3-20

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. No state requirement for cottage food home occupation permit. OSU Extension notes that cottage food producers should check local zoning regulations for home-based retail sales. Franklin County municipalities (Columbus, Dublin, etc.) have their own zoning codes. No specific county-level cottage food permit requirement identified.

Health

No. ODA is exempt from routine inspection of cottage food operations. ODA has product sampling authority to check for misbranding or adulteration. Franklin County Public Health may be contacted for local home occupation guidance.

Health: <https://myfcph.org>

Business license

Varies by city

Pickup / delivery

Cottage food products may only be sold in Ohio. Direct sales from home or at farmers markets, grocery stores, farm markets, and restaurants allowed. No out-of-state sales. Festival/event sales allowed if organized by a political subdivision and lasts no more than 7 consecutive days.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

ODA cottage food is not a food-service license. Ohio cottage food may be sold to licensed food-service operations. Baking in a commissary means that kitchen's food-service or food-establishment license applies. Local health departments license food service.

Official source: [Ohio food safety program](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://myfcph.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://myfcph.org>

<https://www.franklincountyohio.gov>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/resources/cottage-food>

[https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/wcm/connect/gov/91fb902b-b03a-4cf4-b595-993d93a6945a/
Cottage+Food+Production+Operation_2-3-25.pdf](https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/wcm/connect/gov/91fb902b-b03a-4cf4-b595-993d93a6945a/Cottage+Food+Production+Operation_2-3-25.pdf)

Franklin County and nearby places

Regulation	Franklin County	Delaware County	Licking County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	State baseline applies	Ohio Admin. Code does not explicitly prohibit pets for cottage food, but GMP practices apply.	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Cottage food products may only be sold in Ohio. Direct sales from home or at farmers markets, grocery stores, farm markets, and restaurants...	Ohio cottage food law permits direct-to-consumer sales from home, at events, farmers markets, and online. Delivery to customers permitted. ...	Direct sales only within Ohio at farmers markets, home, and other direct venues. In-state delivery permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies by city	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Ohio Cottage Food Production Operations are exempt from ODA licensing and inspection. The home must be the primary residence occupied by th...	Ohio state law permits cottage food production from a home kitchen. No registration required. Approved product list (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3...	No registration, no sales cap. Approved product list required (Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04). No PHF or acidified foods. Products may not b...
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies	Products must comply with Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20-04 approved product list and standard GMP storage requirements.	Shelf-stable storage for approved cottage food products.
POPULATION	1,318,149	216,074	178,844

More pages for this place

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

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