

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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	Conditional	Varies	—

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

What you need

Hamilton 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

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 cottage food law page →

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

Permit page for this place →

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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. Hamilton County includes the City of Cincinnati and other municipalities. Cincinnati has a Home Occupation license requirement for home-based businesses. Contact Cincinnati Development Services or the applicable municipality's planning department. Hamilton County Building & Zoning governs unincorporated areas.

Planning: <https://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/government/departments-a-f/county-regional-planning>

Health

No. No inspection authority for cottage food operations. Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may investigate foodborne illness.

Health: <https://hamiltoncountyohio.gov/government/departments-a-f/environmental-services>

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer and limited indirect sales. Home delivery, farmers markets, events, online all permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sales. No wholesale restriction explicitly — but approved product list limits apply.

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://hamiltoncountyohio.gov/government/departments-a-f/environmental-services>

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://hamiltoncountyohio.gov/government/departments-a-f/environmental-services>

<https://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/government/departments-a-f/county-regional-planning>

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Hamilton County and nearby places

Regulation	Hamilton County	Butler County	Warren County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Conditional	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state rules; standard sanitation applies	No specific state restriction in cottage food law.	Not specified in state statute; kitchen must be sanitary
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Conditional	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer and limited indirect sales. Home delivery, farmers markets, events, online all permitted within Ohio. No out-of-state sa...	Direct and some indirect sales permitted within Ohio. No sales outside Ohio. Farmers markets, from home, online within Ohio.	Sales allowed directly to consumers in Ohio only; online orders with Ohio delivery allowed. No out-of-state sales. Farmers markets and even...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	No registration required. No sales cap. Approved products only (state OAC 901:3-20-04 list). No reduced oxygen packaging. Products cannot b...	Ohio cottage food law (O.R.C. §3715.023/025; Ohio Admin. Code 901:3-20) requires no registration or permit. Only state-approved non-TCS foo...	Ohio has an approved product list (OAC 901:3-20-04) — only listed products allowed. No registration required, no inspection required. Produ...
FOOD STORAGE	Standard food storage practices; non-PHF foods only	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from ODA-approved product list only.	Non-TCS shelf-stable approved products only; no acidified foods, no low-acid canned foods
POPULATION	827,671	388,327	243,189

More pages for this place

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

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