

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Cherokee County, South Carolina?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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SOUTH CAROLINA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[South Carolina permits PDF](#)

[South Carolina cottage food law page](#)

[South Carolina Department of Agriculture cottage food program](#)

[Statute: S.C. Code §44-1-145](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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

What you need

Cherokee County, South Carolina. 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

Varies

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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South Carolina permits PDF →

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Permit page for this place →

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Cherokee County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/south-carolina/cherokee-county>

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

Where to file

State

South Carolina registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Since the 2022 amendment, home-based food operations may sell to retail stores and grocery stores in addition to direct-to-consumer sales including online and mail order. Retail stores that sell home-based food products must post clearly visible signage indicating the products are not subject to commercial food regulations.

South Carolina permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/south-carolina.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/south-carolina

South Carolina Department of Agriculture: <https://agriculture.sc.gov/programs-services/cottage-food-operations/>

Statute: [S.C. Code §44-1-145](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. No specific Cherokee County cottage food zoning ordinance identified. County may have general home occupation provisions. Contact Cherokee County government in Gaffney.

Health

No. SCDA may investigate upon complaint. No routine inspections.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct and indirect sales (retail stores) permitted since 2022. Online and mail order allowed. Department-issued ID number may be used in lieu of home address on labels.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

DHEC licenses retail food. South Carolina home-based food production is a home path. A commissary is a retail food establishment licensed by DHEC.

Official source: [SCDHEC food safety](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.cherokeecounty.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.cherokeecounty.gov>

<https://agriculture.sc.gov/programs-services/cottage-food-operations/>

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t44c001.php>

Cherokee County and nearby places

Regulation	Cherokee County	Union County	York County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific SC state or Cherokee County restriction found.	No explicit state pet restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.	All animals including pets excluded from production area during food production
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales (retail stores) permitted since 2022. Online and mail order allowed. Department-issued ID number may be used in l...	Direct-to-consumer, online, mail-order, and indirect retail sales (grocery stores, retail stores) allowed under the 2022 amendment. No geog...	Direct to consumer including online and mail within SC; also to retail stores for resale
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods from primary domestic residence kitchen. No registration, permit, or inspection required. No sales cap. Ret...	South Carolina allows cottage food from the kitchen of a primary domestic residence (S.C. Code §44-1-145). No registration, permit, or insp...	No domestic activities in kitchen during production; pets excluded from production area; water/ sewage must meet state standards; non-TCS fo...
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-potentially hazardous and shelf-stable. Cannot have pH above 5.6 (non-acid foods) or above 4.6 (acidified foods) witho...	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) foods only. Products must be stored safely.	Stored in sanitary conditions
POPULATION	56,200	27,316	282,987

More pages for this place

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

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