

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

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

What you need

Darlington 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

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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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

Conditional. Darlington County is in the Pee Dee region of SC. SC guidance notes producers contact local zoning. Contact Darlington County Planning at (843) 398-4000.

Health

No. Complaint-based only

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct and indirect sales allowed; retail stores, grocery stores, online, and mail order all permitted since 2022 amendment.

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.darlingtoncounty.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.darlingtoncounty.gov>

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

https://agriculture.sc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/SCHome-basedFoodProductionLawBook2024_digital.pdf

Darlington County and nearby places

Regulation	Darlington County	Kershaw County	Chesterfield County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies	No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practice applies	No explicit state pet restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Yes	Yes	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales allowed; retail stores, grocery stores, online, and mail order all permitted since 2022 amendment.	Direct and indirect sales allowed; retail stores, grocery stores, online sales, and mail order all permitted since 2022 amendment.	Direct-to-consumer, online, mail-order, and indirect retail sales (grocery stores, retail stores) allowed under the 2022 amendment. No geog...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	No license, permit, or mandatory application required. Non-PHF foods only. Voluntary registration number available from SCDA. Local zoning ...	Allowed for non-potentially hazardous foods prepared in operator's primary domestic residence. No license, permit, or mandatory application...	South Carolina allows cottage food from the kitchen of a primary domestic residence (S.C. Code §44-1-145). No registration, permit, or insp...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only; proper storage required	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) foods only. Products must be stored safely.
POPULATION	63,025	65,779	46,734

More pages for this place

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

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