

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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	Varies	Varies	—

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

What you need

Dorchester 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 →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/south-carolina.pdf>

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Dorchester County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/south-carolina/dorchester-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 county-specific cottage food overlay identified. Dorchester County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning for commercial activity in residential districts.

Health

No. Complaint-based only.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer, online, mail-order, and indirect retail sales (grocery stores, retail stores) allowed under 2022 expansion. No geographic restriction within SC.

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.dorchestercounty.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.dorchestercounty.gov>

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

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

Dorchester County and nearby places

Regulation	Dorchester County	Berkeley County	Orangeburg County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction on pets for cottage food operations.	Not specified in state statute	Not specified in state law.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer, online, mail-order, and indirect retail sales (grocery stores, retail stores) allowed under 2022 expansion. No geograph...	Direct and indirect sales allowed: at home, online, mail order (within SC), retail stores and grocery stores. No consignment or wholesale v...	Direct and indirect sales permitted: from home, at farmers markets, at events, to retail stores, online with in-state or out-of-state deliv...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	South Carolina allows cottage food from the kitchen of a primary domestic residence. No registration, permit, or inspection required. 2022 ...	Non-potentially hazardous foods from primary domestic residence kitchen. No registration required (no fee or ID number needed unless earnin...	South Carolina: non-PHF foods from primary domestic residence kitchen are allowed without registration or inspection. 2022 amendment (Act N...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Products must be stored safely.	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; pH >5.6 presumed potentially hazardous; pH >4.6 acidified foods presumed PHF unless product assessment conducted	No specific statutory requirement.
POPULATION	162,139	231,419	84,159

More pages for this place

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

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