

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Florence 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 Florence County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Florence 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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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. Florence County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. City of Florence has its own home occupation rules. No specific county-level cottage food permit override identified.

Health

No. SC Department of Agriculture may inspect upon complaint (formerly DHEC; food safety oversight transferred to SCDA effective July 1, 2024 per Act No. 60, 2023).

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales from home, farmers markets, and roadside stands, as well as indirect sales to retail stores and online/mail order within SC. Wholesale to retail stores 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.florencecounty.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.florencecounty.gov>

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

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

Florence County and nearby places

Regulation	Florence County	Sumter County	Darlington County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations.	No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales from home, farmers markets, and roadside stands, as well as indirect sales to retail stores and online/mail order within SC. W...	Direct-to-consumer and indirect sales permitted. Sales to retail stores and grocery stores allowed (2022 amendment). Online and mail order ...	Direct and indirect sales allowed; retail stores, grocery stores, online, and mail order all permitted since 2022 amendment.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. The 2022 amendment (Act No. 208) expanded distribution to retail stores and grocery stores, allows on...	South Carolina allows non-potentially hazardous foods from the kitchen of a primary domestic residence including baked goods, candy, jams, ...	No license, permit, or mandatory application required. Non-PHF foods only. Voluntary registration number available from SCDA. Local zoning ...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) products only; stored in food-safe containers.	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Foods with pH above 5.6 (non-acid) or pH above 4.6 (acidified) presumed potentially hazardous and pro...	Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only
POPULATION	137,015	105,199	63,025

More pages for this place

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

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