

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-06.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**No**

HOME OCCUPATION

**Varies**

BUSINESS LICENSE

**Varies**

SALES CAP

**—**

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

## What you need

Lee County, South Carolina. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**No**

ANNUAL SALES CAP

**—**

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.

### CONTINUE ONLINE

**South Carolina permits PDF →**

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

**South Carolina cottage food law page →**

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

**Permit page for this place →**

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/south-carolina/lee-county>

**Lee County cottage food law page →**

<https://crosodo.com/states/south-carolina/lee-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](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/south-carolina.pdf)

State law page: [crosodo.com/states/south-carolina](https://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. Lee County may require a home occupation permit under local zoning for commercial activity in residential zones. Operators should check with county planning or zoning office.

### Health

No. Complaint-based only. SC Dept. of Agriculture (formerly DHEC, transferred July 1, 2024) may inspect upon complaint.

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer, online, mail-order, and indirect retail sales (grocery stores, retail stores) allowed under the 2022 amendment. 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.leecounty-sc.us>

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.

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### SOURCES

<https://www.leecounty-sc.us>

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

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

## Lee County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Lee County                                                                                                                                     | Darlington County                                                                                                                              | Kershaw County                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No explicit state pet restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.                                                                         | No specific state prohibition; good manufacturing practice applies                                                                             | No specific state prohibition on pets; good manufacturing practice applies                                                                     |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct-to-consumer, online, mail-order, and indirect retail sales (grocery stores, retail stores) allowed under the 2022 amendment. No geog... | 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.             |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | 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 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... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Non-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) foods only. Products must be stored safely.                                                                | Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only                                                                                                                | Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only; proper storage required                                                                                       |
| POPULATION                 | 16,828                                                                                                                                         | 63,025                                                                                                                                         | 65,779                                                                                                                                         |

## More pages for this place

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

South Carolina permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/south-carolina.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/south-carolina.pdf)

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