

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Pickens 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.

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

What you need

Pickens 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. Pickens County zoning ordinance applies in unincorporated areas. City of Pickens and Easley (larger city in county) have separate ordinances. No specific county-level cottage food override identified.

Health

No. SC Department of Agriculture may inspect upon complaint.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct and indirect sales including retail stores and online/mail order 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.pickenscounty.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.pickenscounty.gov>

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

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

Pickens County and nearby places

Regulation	Pickens County	Oconee County	Anderson County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen sanitation required.	Not specified in state statute.	No explicit pet restriction in South Carolina cottage food statute.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and indirect sales including retail stores and online/mail order within SC.	Direct and indirect sales permitted. Since 2022 amendment (Act No. 208), retail stores, grocery stores, online, and mail order sales allowe...	South Carolina cottage food law (2022 amendment) allows sales at home, events, online, mail-order, and through retail/grocery stores. No wh...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. The 2022 amendment expanded distribution to retail stores/ grocery stores, allows online/ mail order, a...	Non-potentially hazardous foods produced in the kitchen of a primary domestic residence. 2022 amendment expanded sales to retail stores and...	South Carolina cottage food law (§44-1-145, significantly amended 2022 by Act No. 208) allows non-PHF foods produced in a primary domestic ...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products only; stored in food-safe containers.	Non-potentially-hazardous shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.	Non-PHF (non-potentially hazardous) foods only. Standard GMP storage. Foods with pH above 5.6 or acidified foods with pH above 4.6 are pres...
POPULATION	131,106	78,775	204,592

More pages for this place

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

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