

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Richland 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	Conditional	Varies	—

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

What you need

Richland 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.

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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. Richland County has home occupation provisions in its zoning ordinance. Operators in unincorporated Richland County should verify with county planning. Columbia (incorporated) has its own zoning rules. South Carolina cottage food law does not include explicit local preemption; local home occupation compliance required.

Health

No. No routine inspection required. SC Department of Agriculture may investigate upon complaint.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer and indirect sales (retail stores, grocery stores) permitted since 2022. Online/mail order allowed. Products cannot be resold wholesale to distributors without commercial license.

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.richlandcountysc.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.richlandcountysc.gov>

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

Richland County and nearby places

Regulation	Richland County	Lexington County	Sumter County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific state restriction beyond standard food safety.	All animals including pets must be excluded from production area during food production	No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer and indirect sales (retail stores, grocery stores) permitted since 2022. Online/mail order allowed. Products cannot be r...	Direct to consumer including online and mail within SC; also to retail stores for resale	Direct-to-consumer and indirect sales permitted. Sales to retail stores and grocery stores allowed (2022 amendment). Online and mail order ...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	South Carolina cottage food law (S.C. Code §44-1-145) allows non-PHF foods produced in primary domestic residence without registration, per...	No domestic activities in kitchen during production; pets excluded; water/ sewage must meet state standards; non-TCS foods only	South Carolina allows non-potentially hazardous foods from the kitchen of a primary domestic residence including baked goods, candy, jams, ...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-PHF shelf-stable products only.	Stored in sanitary conditions	Non-potentially hazardous foods only. Foods with pH above 5.6 (non-acid) or pH above 4.6 (acidified) presumed potentially hazardous and pro...
POPULATION	416,161	295,934	105,199

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