

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

**No**

HOME OCCUPATION

**Conditional**

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

## What you need

Sumter 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

**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.

### 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/sumter-county>

**Sumter County cottage food law page →**

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

Conditional. Sumter County and the City of Sumter may have home occupation zoning requirements. No specific Sumter County cottage food ordinance identified.

### Health

No. No routine inspections required. SC Dept. of Agriculture took over oversight from DHEC effective July 1, 2024.

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer and indirect sales permitted. Sales to retail stores and grocery stores allowed (2022 amendment). Online and mail order sales permitted. All sales within South Carolina.

### 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.sumtercounty.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.

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### SOURCES

<https://www.sumtercounty.gov>

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

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

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## Sumter County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | Sumter County                                                                                                                                  | Florence County                                                                                                                                | Kershaw County                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             | No                                                                                                                                             |
| PETS ALLOWED               | No specific state pet restriction for cottage food operations.                                                                                 | Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must maintain sanitary conditions.                                                                    | 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                                                                                                                                    | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Yes                                                                                                                                            |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct-to-consumer and indirect sales permitted. Sales to retail stores and grocery stores allowed (2022 amendment). Online and mail order ... | 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 and indirect sales allowed; retail stores, grocery stores, online sales, and mail order all permitted since 2022 amendment.             |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Conditional                                                                                                                                    | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Conditional                                                                                                                                    |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         | Varies                                                                                                                                         |
| RESTRICTIONS               | South Carolina allows non-potentially hazardous foods from the kitchen of a primary domestic residence including baked goods, candy, jams, ... | Non-potentially hazardous foods only. The 2022 amendment (Act No. 208) expanded distribution to retail stores and grocery stores, allows on... | Allowed for non-potentially hazardous foods prepared in operator's primary domestic residence. No license, permit, or mandatory application... |
| FOOD STORAGE               | 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-potentially hazardous (non-TCS) products only; stored in food-safe containers.                                                             | Non-PHF shelf-stable foods only; proper storage required                                                                                       |
| POPULATION                 | 105,199                                                                                                                                        | 137,015                                                                                                                                        | 65,779                                                                                                                                         |

## More pages for this place

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

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