

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Gregg County, Texas?

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

\$150,000 / year

TEXAS RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Texas permits PDF](#)[Texas cottage food law page](#)[Texas Department of State Health Services cottage food program](#)[Statute: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in Gregg County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Gregg County, Texas. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

\$150,000 / year

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.

HOW THIS PLACE WORKS

Texas does not let counties charge a cottage-food permit. State law says a local government may not require a permit, license, or fee for a cottage food production operation. The leftover local steps are usually city zoning, a DBA (assumed name) at the county clerk, and sales tax if your products are taxable. This packet shows the state DSHS page for the food rules.

Official source: [Texas DSHS cottage food production operations](#)

CONTINUE ONLINE

Texas permits PDF →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/texas.pdf>

Texas cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/texas>

Permit page for this place →

<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/texas/gregg-county>

Gregg County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/texas/gregg-county>

Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

Texas registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Sales must be made directly to consumers or to a 'cottage food vendor' (a new category created by SB 541 in 2025 – a person with a contractual relationship who sells on behalf of the cottage food operation to consumers in-state). Cottage food products may not be sold as ingredients to a food service establishment. No retail grocery store or wholesale sales permitted under the pre-2025 framework; SB 541 (2025) adds the cottage food vendor intermediary option. Products must be delivered to consumer or vendor at point of sale or consumer-designated location.

Texas permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/texas.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/texas

Texas Department of State Health Services: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>

Statute: [Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. Gregg County unincorporated areas and the city of Longview may have separate home occupation permit requirements under local zoning. No specific county-level cottage food permit details found. Texas state law §559.955 requires cottage food operators to comply with home-based business rules. Contact Gregg County or Longview city planning for zoning specifics.

Health

No. Texas law explicitly prohibits health departments from inspecting cottage food operations except to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Texas allows direct sales and limited indirect sales (not through wholesale distributors or retail chains). Online sales and delivery allowed. Products may not be sold at wholesale. Nonprofits may also operate under cottage food framework as of SB 541 (2025).

If you rent a commissary kitchen

DSHS does not let locals permit cottage food. A commissary is different. Texas cottage food is exempt from food-establishment rules. A commissary, restaurant, or shared kitchen is a retail food establishment permitted by the local health department or DSHS.

Official source: [Texas DSHS retail food establishments](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://www.greggcounty.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.greggcounty.gov>

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Gregg County and nearby places

Regulation	Gregg County	Harrison County	Rusk County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific Texas state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.	Not specified in state law	No specific TX or Rusk County restriction.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Texas allows direct sales and limited indirect sales (not through wholesale distributors or retail chains). Online sales and delivery allow...	Direct and limited indirect sales at designated venues; delivery by producer permitted in-state	Direct and some indirect sales. Online orders permitted.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Texas state law allows cottage food production from a home kitchen. Health departments cannot inspect cottage food operations. Gregg County...	Annual sales cap \$150,000. No food handler cert required. No state registration required. No inspection required. Non-TCS foods only. Limit...	All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual cap \$150,000. No inspection or registration required.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS products stored per food safety standards. TCS foods not permitted under cottage food framework.	Appropriate storage for shelf-stable products	Non-TCS products. Prohibited: meat, poultry, seafood, ice/frozen treats, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC, raw milk.
POPULATION	124,245	69,098	52,755

More pages for this place

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

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Texas cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/texas

Gregg County cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/texas/gregg-county