

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

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

What you need

Johnson 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

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.

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](#)

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[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/johnson-county>

[Johnson County cottage food law page →](#)

<https://crosodo.com/states/texas/johnson-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

Conditional. Texas state law does not require permits for cottage food; health departments have no authority to regulate. Johnson County (unincorporated areas) may have home occupation permit requirements under county zoning. County URLs were blank in input; no specific county-level ordinance verified.

Health

No. No routine inspections. Health authority may act only upon immediate and serious threat to human life.

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Online sales, in-state delivery, and direct sales from home, farmers markets, and roadside stands permitted. No interstate sales.

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.johnsoncounty.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.johnsoncounty.gov>

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

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

Johnson County and nearby places

Regulation	Johnson County	Ellis County	Parker County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No explicit state restriction; good manufacturing practices apply.	No explicit pet restriction in Texas cottage food statute. Standard food safety practices apply.	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Online sales, in-state delivery, and direct sales from home, farmers markets, and roadside stands permitted. No interstate sales.	Texas cottage food permits direct sales, home pickup, delivery, online sales, farmers markets, and events. Nonprofit organizations may now ...	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through n...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Non-TCS foods only. Annual sales cap \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). No registration or inspection required. No wholesale. Health depart...	Texas cottage food law (§437.001 et seq., most recently amended by SB 541 in 2025) allows almost all non-TCS foods from a home kitchen. No ...	Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable storage for permitted non-TCS foods.	Non-TCS foods only. Standard safe storage. Excluded: meat, poultry, seafood, ice products, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, raw mil...	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.
POPULATION	182,690	195,509	151,188

More pages for this place

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

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