

## COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

# Can I sell from my kitchen in San Patricio 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                | Varies          | 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 San Patricio County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

## What you need

San Patricio 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/san-patricio-county>

[San Patricio County cottage food law page →](#)

<https://crosodo.com/states/texas/san-patricio-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.

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State law page: [crosodo.com/states/texas](https://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. No county govt URL provided. San Patricio County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Sinton has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.

### Health

No. No routine inspection; complaint-based possible

### Business license

Varies

### Pickup / delivery

Direct and limited indirect sales at designated venues; delivery permitted in-state

### 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](#)

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.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>

## San Patricio County and nearby places

| Regulation                 | San Patricio County                                                                                                                             | Jim Wells County                                                                                                                                | Bee County |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED       | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | —          |
| SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              | —          |
| PETS ALLOWED               | Not specified in state law                                                                                                                      | No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.                                                                      | —          |
| INSPECTION REQUIRED        | No                                                                                                                                              | No                                                                                                                                              | —          |
| ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP    | Yes                                                                                                                                             | Yes                                                                                                                                             | —          |
| ON-SITE SIGNAGE            | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | Conditional                                                                                                                                     | —          |
| DELIVERY / PICKUP          | Direct and limited indirect sales at designated venues; delivery permitted in-state                                                             | Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 5...  | —          |
| HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | No                                                                                                                                              | —          |
| LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE     | Varies                                                                                                                                          | No                                                                                                                                              | —          |
| RESTRICTIONS               | Annual sales cap \$150,000. No food handler cert required. No state registration required. No inspection required. Non-TCS foods only. Limit... | Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or i... | —          |
| FOOD STORAGE               | Appropriate storage for shelf-stable products                                                                                                   | Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.      | —          |
| POPULATION                 | 68,942                                                                                                                                          | 40,838                                                                                                                                          | 30,977     |

## More pages for this place

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

Texas permits PDF: [crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/texas.pdf](https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/texas.pdf)

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