

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in Lynchburg City, Virginia?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

SALES CAP

Tiered

VIRGINIA RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Virginia permits PDF](#)[Virginia cottage food law page](#)[Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services cottage food program](#)[Statute: Va. Code §3.2-5130 \(HB 402 / 2026 c. 605\)](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

What you need

Lynchburg City, Virginia. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered

HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Conditional

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

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Virginia permits PDF →

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<https://crosodo.com/what-permits/virginia/lynchburg-city>

Lynchburg City cottage food law page →

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

Where to file

State

Virginia registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. As amended by HB 402 (Acts of Assembly 2026 Ch. 605), effective July 1, 2026: exempt foods may be sold at any location, through the internet, or by phone to an individual in Virginia for their own consumption, and delivered in person, by mail, or by delivery service in Virginia. Still no resale, consignment, restaurants, retail food establishments, or out-of-state sales. Local zoning still applies. The VDACS home-food-processor FAQ PDF is stale (still says no online sales); the statute controls. <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20261/HB402>

Virginia permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/virginia.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/virginia

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

Statute: [Va. Code §3.2-5130 \(HB 402 / 2026 c. 605\)](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. Lynchburg zoning code (Sec. 35.2-71.4) allows home occupations as an accessory use subject to performance standards. Home occupations must: be limited to visiting clients on appointment basis; be conducted by a household member; not serve more than one client at a time for listed professions; use only one small sign (max 1 sq ft) with no illumination; use only domestic-scale mechanical equipment; not use more than 20% of the principal dwelling's gross floor area; and not exceed incidental retail sales. A business license from Lynchburg's Commissioner of the Revenue may be required.

Health

No. VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Direct sales to consumers only. No resale or consignment. Customer pickup from home on appointment basis permitted. No drop-by public access per home occupation rules.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

VDACS treats a commercial kitchen as a food-processing operation. Virginia cottage food is a home exemption. A commissary or commercial kitchen that manufactures food for sale needs a VDACS inspection and permit. VDACS publishes a commercial-kitchen food-processing application. Local health departments permit restaurants and similar food establishments.

Official source: [VDACS home and commercial kitchen businesses](#)

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

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-information-for-vendors-and-businesses-home-food-processors.shtml>

https://www.zoneomics.com/code/lynchburg-VA/chapter_7

<https://www.lynchburgva.gov/326/Business-Licenses-Zoning-Approval-Forms>

Lynchburg city and nearby places

Regulation	Lynchburg city	Bedford County	Campbell County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state statute.	Not specified in state statute.	No specific VA state or Campbell County rule.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales to consumers only. No resale or consignment. Customer pickup from home on appointment basis permitted. No drop-by public acces...	Direct sales to consumers only. No resale, consignment, or sales to retail food establishments. Pickles and acidified vegetables capped at ...	Direct sales only to end consumers. No consignment or retail store sales. Products must carry required label language.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Home kitchen in primary domestic residence allowed. Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. Pickles and acidified vegetables subject to \$9,000 ann...	Home kitchen in primary domestic residence allowed. Only non-TCS shelf-stable foods. Pickles and acidified vegetables subject to separate \$...	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods from private home. No registration, permit, or inspection. Direct sales only; no wholesale or retail resale. All...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable products must be stored appropriately.	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods must be stored appropriately.	Non-TCS shelf-stable products. Mandatory label: 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'.
POPULATION	79,166	79,761	55,518

More pages for this place

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

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