

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

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

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-06.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Yes

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 Petersburg City. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

Petersburg 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

Yes

LOCAL HEALTH

Conditional

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 →

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

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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

Yes. Petersburg requires a Home Occupation Zoning Approval Questionnaire submitted to the Department of Planning and Community Development (135 N Union Street, Petersburg, VA 23803; pcd@petersburg-va.org; 804-733-2308). Zoning approval is a prerequisite for a business license. The questionnaire addresses: floor area used (must not exceed 1/4 of one floor), no structural modifications, whether clients/employees visit, whether commodities not made on premises are stored/sold, and whether signs are on premises. No non-family employees allowed under standard home occupation definition. A city business license is also required from the Commissioner of the Revenue.

Planning: <https://www.petersburgva.gov/>

Health

Conditional. VDACS home food processing permit: initial inspection required. Cottage food exemption: no routine inspection; complaint-based only.

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales allowed. Petersburg home occupation rules limit client visits to premises and prohibit storage of commodities not made on-site.

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.petersburgva.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.petersburgva.gov/>

<https://www.petersburgva.gov/>

<https://www.petersburgva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5508/Home-Occupation-Questionnaire---PDF-Format>

<https://petersburgva.gov/602/Business-Licenses>

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

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/3.2-5130/>

Petersburg city and nearby places

Regulation	Petersburg city	Dinwiddie County	Prince George County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all ti...	No specific state cottage food pet restriction; good sanitation practices expected.	VDACS home food processing permit pathway requires pets excluded from food prep, storage, packaging, and equipment cleaning areas at all ti...
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Conditional	No	Conditional
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales a...	Direct sales only at home, farmers markets, or temporary events (up to 14 consecutive days). No online ordering, no shipping, no wholesale,...	Virginia cottage food exemption: direct sales only. Home pickup and local delivery permitted for non-TCS shelf-stable items. Online sales a...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Yes	Varies	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Likely	Conditional
RESTRICTIONS	Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Petersburg is an independent city. Home occupations must be conducted w...	Virginia Home Kitchen Food Processing Exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) permits direct-to-consumer sale of non-TCS shelf-stable foods from a p...	Virginia state cottage food exemption (Va. Code §3.2-5130) applies. Prince George County has a planning and zoning department with Chapter ...
FOOD STORAGE	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only.	Proper storage to prevent contamination; pet exclusion required for VDACS permit pathway.
POPULATION	33,261	28,057	42,634

More pages for this place

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

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

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