

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in King County, Washington?

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

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

HOME OCCUPATION

Conditional

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

SALES CAP

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WASHINGTON RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

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[Washington cottage food law page](#)

[Washington State Department of Agriculture cottage food program](#)

[Statute: RCW §69.22.010-.040](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

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

What you need

King County, Washington. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

Yes

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Conditional

LOCAL HEALTH

Yes

BUSINESS LICENSE

Yes

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Yes

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

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

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

Washington cottage food law page →

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

Where to file

State

Washington registration: Yes. Routine kitchen inspection: Yes. Cottage food products may only be sold directly to the consumer. Internet sales, mail order, and retail sale outside Washington state are explicitly prohibited. Products may not be repackaged, sold, or used as an ingredient by a food processing plant, or sold by a food service establishment.

Washington permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/washington.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/washington

Washington State Department of Agriculture: <https://agr.wa.gov/services/business-services/food-safety-and-licensing/cottage-food-operations>

Statute: [RCW §69.22.010-.040](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Conditional. WAC 16-149 requires operators to comply with applicable county/municipal home occupation laws. King County Title 21A.30 regulates home occupations in unincorporated areas. A master business license (from WA Secretary of State) is required statewide before the WSDA permit is issued. For incorporated cities (Seattle, Bellevue, etc.), city-specific home occupation permits may apply.

Planning: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/permitting-environmental-review.aspx>

Health

Yes. Biennial inspection required for WSDA permit renewal (initial + biennial). WSDA may also inspect upon complaint or reasonable belief of violation (WAC 16-149-090). King County Public Health does not separately issue cottage food permits.

Health: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health>

Business license

Yes

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer sales only (no internet/mail order outside the state; no retail establishment sales). Sales must be within Washington State. King County Public Health catering/home-based food service program requires a separate commissary-based permit for catering activities.

If you rent a commissary kitchen

Local health licenses food establishments. WSDA licenses cottage food. Washington cottage food is a WSDA permit for a home kitchen. A commissary is a food establishment permitted by the local health jurisdiction.

Official source: [WA DOH food](#)

Local health office we have on file: <https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dph/certificates-permits-licenses/food-business-permits/commercial-commissary-kitchen-permit>

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://kingcounty.gov/depts/health>

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/permitting-environmental-review.aspx>

<https://kingcounty.gov>

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx/default.aspx?cite=16-149&full=true&pdf=true>

<https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dph/certificates-permits-licenses/food-business-permits/catering-home-based-business-permit>

https://aqua.kingcounty.gov/council/clerk/code/24-30_Title_21A.htm

King County and nearby places

Regulation	King County	Pierce County	Snohomish County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No person other than the permittee or persons under their direct supervision may handle cottage food products or be in the kitchen during p...	State baseline: pets must be excluded from food preparation areas during production	State baseline: pets excluded from food preparation areas
INSPECTION REQUIRED	Yes	Upon-complaint	Upon-complaint
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer sales only (no internet/mail order outside the state; no retail establishment sales). Sales must be within Washington St...	Washington cottage food: direct-to-consumer sales only. Sales at farmers markets, events, home, online with delivery. No wholesale to retail...	Direct-to-consumer only: home, farmers markets, events, online with delivery. No wholesale. \$25,000 annual cap.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Yes	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	King County operators must obtain a biennial WA State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) cottage food permit before operating. The state perm...	State baseline applies: cottage food operation must be conducted in the home kitchen of the operator's primary residence. \$25,000 annual gr...	State baseline applies. Cottage food must be produced in operator's home kitchen. \$25,000 annual gross sales cap. Non-potentially hazardous...
FOOD STORAGE	State baseline applies	Standard food storage practices; no county-specific overrides found	Standard food storage
POPULATION	2,254,371	918,993	828,337

More pages for this place

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

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