

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in District of Columbia?

Home kitchen sales in District of Columbia. Then check your city or county. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-05.

STATE FOOD PERMIT	KITCHEN INSPECTION	SALES CAP	PLACES IN THIS FILE
Yes	Yes	—	1

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RULES

[District of Columbia cottage food law page](#)

[DC Department of Health cottage food program](#)

[Statute: D.C. Code §7-742.02](#)

NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This is what the state asks for a home cottage bakery. Local zoning still applies even when the state requires no food permit.

What the state asks

Registration: Yes. Routine inspection: Yes. Sales cap: —.

As of 2020 amendments, DC allows direct, online, retail (excluding restaurants and grocery stores), and wholesale sales to food establishments (expanded further in 2025 by B26-0025); sales must remain within the District.

DC Department of Health: <https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/cottage-food-businesses>

Statute: [D.C. Code §7-742.02](#)

District of Columbia cottage food law: crosodo.com/states/district-of-columbia. Pick your city or county: crosodo.com/what-permits.

District of Columbia counties and independent cities

Each city or county can add zoning and a business license. Independent cities are listed separately from the surrounding county.

Place	Home occupation	Business license	Pickup
District of Columbia	Yes	Yes	Yes