

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Hampton city

Virginia · Hampton · FIPS 51650 · Population 137,217 ·  
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STATE BASELINE	STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Va. Code §3.2-5130	Good	Tiered	MEDIUM	2026-05-05

**IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

**Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision.** Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Hampton is an independent city in Virginia. Non-TCS shelf-stable foods only. No state registration required. Pickles/acidified vegetables capped at \$9,000 annual gross sales. Products must be labeled 'NOT FOR RESALE — PROCESSED AND PREPARED WITHOUT STATE INSPECTION'. Hampton city zoning ordinance may impose home occupation requirements.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must remain sanitary.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Hampton is an independent city (not a county) in Virginia. Hampton city's zoning ordinance governs home-based businesses. A home occupation permit may be required. Check Hampton city government at hampton.gov for current home occupation ordinance provisions.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.)

## Home kitchen rules

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<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	Not prohibited by state statute; kitchen must remain sanitary.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	Potable water required.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Required per good food safety practices.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS shelf-stable products only; stored in food-safe containers.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — VDACS may inspect upon consumer complaint.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Hampton is an independent city (not a county) in Virginia. Hampton city's zoning ordinance governs home-based businesses. A home occupation permit may be required. Check Hampton city government at hampton.gov for current home occupation ordinance provisions.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales only per state law. Sales from home, farmers markets, roadside stands, and online with local delivery.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified at state level.

### Relevant county code

Hampton City Zoning Ordinance (home occupation provisions); Va. Code §3.2-5130.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline (VA) confirmed. Hampton is a Virginia independent city (not part of a county) — functions as both city and county. Hampton city govt URL confirmed (hampton.gov). No specific city-level cottage food ordinance found via research. Hampton is a mid-sized coastal city in the Hampton Roads metro area. Confidence medium.

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#### SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://hampton.gov>

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

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

<https://hampton.gov>

**Questions?** Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/virginia/hampton-city-discuss>

## State context — Virginia cottage food law

Hampton city's rules sit on top of Virginia's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

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### STATUTE

Va. Code §3.2-5130

### ANNUAL SALES CAP

Tiered

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

### FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

### KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

### DIRECT SALES ONLY

Yes

### INDIRECT SALES

No — Products must be sold in person in the Commonwealth to an individual for his own consumption and not for resale or consignment. They cannot be offered for sale to be used in or offered for consumption in retail food establishments. Sales venues are limited to: private home, temporary event (no more than 14 consecutive days), or farmers market. Internet advertising is explicitly permitted but sales must remain in-person and in-state.

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For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Virginia cottage food law report](#).

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

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

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

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/virginia/>

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