

ORDINANCE #20230710 KRATOM

AN ORDINANCE TO BAN THE SALE OF MITRAGYNA SPECIOSA KORTH (KRATOM) IN THE VILLAGE OF HARRISONBURG, CATAHOULA PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, Mitragyna Speciosa Korth (Kratom) affects the mu-opioid receptor in the brain – the same receptor that affects the brain when using heroin or other opioids. Too much Kratom, or adulterated products, can lead to respirator depression and has been associated with death. Kratom may cause psychosis and hallucinations. The products may be addictive and can have a synergistic effect when taken with other medications; and

WHEREAS, there are no known dosage recommendations for using kratom or its related products. Kratom should not be taken without consulting a physician and should not be taken with anti-depressant medications; and

WHEREAS, Kratom is a botanical that qualifies as a dietary ingredient under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Manufacturing facilities are not federally regulated, and substantial adulteration of the product has been known to occur. This adulteration can be harmful. The Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has listed kratom as a “Drug of Concern.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Village of Harrisonburg, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana, pursuant to its municipal powers, declares and determines that all reasonable steps should and must be taken to prohibit the sale of Mitragyna Speciosa Korth (Kratom) in the Village of Harrisonburg, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana.

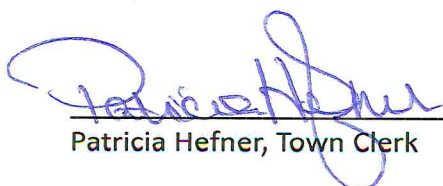
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, it shall be illegal for any person to sell Mitragyna Speciosa Korth (Kratom) in the Village of Harrisonburg, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana. Whoever violates the provision of this section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months or both. Whoever violates the provision of this section for a second offense shall be fined one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both. Whoever violates the provision of this section for a third or subsequent offense shall be fined one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500.00) or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both. Further, if the offender is a vendor, seller or retailer licensed to do business in Catahoula Parish, it shall forfeit and/or have all business licenses revoked by the Village of Harrisonburg, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana in addition to the above stated penalties.

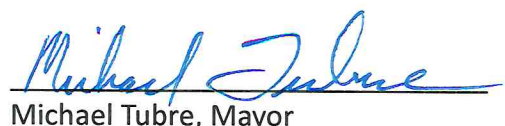
Said Ordinance having been introduced on the 26th day of June 2023, by notice of Public Hearing having been published on the 28th day of June 2023 and posted on the 7th day of July 2023, said Public Hearing having been held, title having been read and Ordinance considered, on a motion by Terry, with a second by Cotton and unanimously passed. A record vote was taken and the following result was had:

Yeas: 3
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the above Ordinance duly adopted on the 10^h day of July, 2023 and effective upon publication date: July 12th, 2023.

ATTEST:


Patricia Hefner, Town Clerk


Michael Tubre, Mayor