

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI, URGING THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TO ENACT
STATEWIDE LEGISLATION PROHIBITING KRATOM AND KRATOM-DERIVED
PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, kratom is derived from the leaves of the tropical tree *Mitragyna speciosa* and contains psychoactive alkaloids, including mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine, that interact with opioid receptors in the human body; and

WHEREAS, the United States Food and Drug Administration has warned of significant health and safety concerns associated with kratom and, more recently, with increasingly potent products containing concentrated or enhanced levels of 7-hydroxymitragynine and other kratom-derived compounds; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that United States poison centers received 14,449 kratom-related exposure reports from 2015 through 2025, with annual reports increasing from 258 in 2015 to 3,434 in 2025, an increase of approximately 1,200 percent; and

WHEREAS, the same CDC analysis identified 233 kratom-associated deaths during that period, while also noting that 184, or approximately 79 percent, involved multiple substances and that poison-center data alone cannot establish that kratom was the sole cause of those deaths; and

WHEREAS, the increasing availability of highly concentrated, enhanced, semisynthetic, and synthetic kratom-related products has created additional public-health concerns and increased the difficulty consumers may face in determining the potency and composition of products marketed as kratom; and

WHEREAS, several states bordering Mississippi have taken substantially stronger action regarding kratom, including Alabama and Arkansas, where mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine remain controlled substances; Louisiana, which prohibited the possession, manufacture, production, sale, and distribution of kratom effective August 1, 2025; and Tennessee, which prohibited the possession, manufacture, delivery, and sale of kratom effective July 1, 2026 under Matthew Davenport's Law; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi enacted the Mississippi Kratom Consumer Protection Act in 2025, establishing statewide requirements governing the manufacture and sale of kratom products while expressly providing that the Act does not preempt or prohibit municipalities and counties from adopting future restrictions or bans on kratom products within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, although regulation may provide certain consumer protections, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Diamondhead believe the documented increase in poison-center exposure reports, the emergence of increasingly potent kratom-derived products, and the actions taken by neighboring states warrant further consideration by the Mississippi Legislature of a comprehensive statewide prohibition; and

WHEREAS, a uniform statewide policy would provide greater consistency for consumers, retailers, health-care providers, and law-enforcement agencies than a patchwork of differing local ordinances throughout Mississippi;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Diamondhead hereby urge the Mississippi Legislature to enact legislation prohibiting the manufacture, distribution, sale, and possession of kratom and kratom-derived products throughout the State of Mississippi, including concentrated, enhanced, semisynthetic, and synthetic products containing mitragynine, 7-hydroxymitragynine, or related kratom-derived compounds.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and City Council respectfully request that members of the Mississippi Legislature carefully consider the documented public-health concerns associated with kratom and kratom-derived products, the rapidly changing nature and potency of products currently being marketed to consumers, and the actions already taken by neighboring states when considering future legislation.

SECTION 3. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as limiting or waiving any authority granted to the City of Diamondhead under Mississippi law. The City expressly reserves its right to consider and exercise its municipal authority to regulate, restrict, or prohibit kratom products within the City of Diamondhead as permitted by Mississippi Code Section 75-103-7.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the members of the Mississippi Legislature representing the City of Diamondhead and to such other state officials as the Mayor and City Council may deem appropriate.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, on this the 6th day of October, 2026.

	Aye	Nay	Absent
Mayor Liese	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Maher	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Finley	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Sheppard	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Harwood	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Clark	_____	_____	_____

ATTEST:

APPROVED: _____

JEANNIE KLEIN, CITY CLERK

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