

CITY OF NEEDLES

SALE OF KRATOM PROHIBITED

ORDINANCE NO. 686-AC

AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE I, OF THE
NEEDLES MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING
SECTION 14-21, "SALE OF KRATOM PROHIBITED."

AUGUST 11, 2026



WHAT THE ORDINANCE DOES

Proposed Municipal Code Section 14-21



PROHIBITS:

- Sale
- Offer for sale
- Advertisement for sale
- Distribution
- Possession with intent to sell



EXEMPTIONS:

- ✓ Personal possession and use (without intent to sell)
- ✓ Medical research
- ✓ Academic research
- ✓ Scientific research



ENFORCEMENT:

- Criminal remedies
- Civil remedies
- Administrative remedies



This ordinance is intended to protect public health, safety, and welfare by **prohibiting** the commercial sale of kratom products while providing clear enforcement authority for the City of Needles.



WHY THIS ORDINANCE?

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WHY IS THIS BEING CONSIDERED?



Kratom (*Mitragyna speciosa*) contains psychoactive alkaloids that may produce stimulant and opioid-like effects.



Products are commonly sold without standardized manufacturing, labeling, or dosage controls.



Reported health concerns include:

- Dependence and withdrawal
- Respiratory depression
- Liver toxicity
- Seizures
- Hallucinations



Several California cities have already prohibited the commercial sale of kratom.



Examples of commercially available kratom products

RECOMMENDATION



COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 686-AC

Amending Chapter 14, Article I, of the
Needles Municipal Code by adding:

SECTION 14-21

“Sale of Kratom Prohibited.”

BENEFITS



Protects public
health and safety



Addresses the sale
of unregulated
kratom products



Provides clear
local enforcement
authority



Aligns Needles with
other California communities
that have adopted similar
ordinances