

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE TO AMEND SEC. 11-5032 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OF KRATOM; TO DEFINE THE TERM “KRATOM” AND TO ESTABLISH TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE AS SEVERABLE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Sec. 11-5032 of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby amended to now provide as follows:

**“Sec.11-5032. Unlawful possession of kratom**

- A. For purposes of this Section, "kratom" means any substance derived from the leaves of the *Mitragyna speciosa* tree or any substance containing 7-hydroxy-mitragynine or mitragynine.
- B. Possession. It is unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally to possess kratom. Any person who violates this Subsection shall be punished as follows:
  - (1) On a conviction wherein the offender possesses twenty grams or less, the offender shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars.
  - (2) On a first conviction, wherein the offender possesses more than twenty grams, the offender shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.
  - (3) On a second or any subsequent conviction, wherein the offender possesses more than twenty grams, the offender shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.”

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that this amendment shall be effective August 6, 2025.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that if any provisions, sections or subsections of this ordinance are held invalid for any cause or reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, sections, or subsections of this ordinance which can give effect without the invalid provisions, sections, or subsections, and to this end each of the provisions, sections, and subsections of this ordinance are hereby declared severable;

The above Ordinance was read and considered by Sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular and legal session convened, voted on by yea or nay

vote, passed and adopted the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAY: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOT VOTING: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 5TH DAY OF  
AUGUST, 2025

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ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK  
CITY OF WEST MONROE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR  
CITY OF WEST MONROE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA