



**THE FIRST READING OF THE ORDINANCE ADDING
PROPOSED CHAPTER 7.22 TO THE FULLERTON
MUNICIPAL CODE, PROHIBITING THE UNLAWFUL
SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF KRATOM PRODUCTS IN
THE CITY**

Fullerton Police Department

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Background

- Kratom is a tropical tree (*Mitragyna speciosa*) native to Southeast Asia with leaves that produce both stimulant effects (low doses) and sedative effects (high doses); it can lead to psychotic symptoms, and psychological and physiological dependence.
 - Aka: Thang, kakuam, thom, ketum, biak
- There are no FDA-approved medical uses for Kratom, and the DEA has listed it as a Drug and Chemical of Concern.
- Establish local regulation to prohibit unlawful sale/distribution.
- Align Fullerton with other California cities' regulations on Kratom products.



Intent of Proposed Ordinance

- Prohibit any individual, business, or entity from selling, attempting to sell, offer, provide, or distribute a Kratom product under the following circumstances:
 - To a person under 21 years of age.
 - Products with a level of 7-hydroxymitragynine that is greater than 2 percent of the total Kratom alkaloids in the product.
 - Products in packaging that is attractive to children.
- Decrease health/safety incidents associated to Kratom product use.
- Helps protect vulnerable populations.
- Violators are subject to a misdemeanor citation/arrest and up to \$1,000 civil fine.



Outreach

- If passed, the Fullerton Police Department will follow up with existing vendors to educate them on the new ordinance.
- FPD will create a social media campaign regarding the new ordinance and the risks of the use of Kratom products.



Any Questions?