

State of Louisiana

Parish of Grant In the Name and By the Authority of The Police Jury of Grant Parish

Motion by Mr. Mark Ball, seconded by Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr. and carried to adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2022

To prohibit the sale of Mitragyna Speciosa Korth (Kratom) in Grant Parish.

WHEREAS, Kratom is an herbal extract that comes from the leaves of an evergreen tree (Mitragyna speciosa) grown in Southeast Asia. Although people who take kratom may believe in its value, researchers who have studied kratom opine that its side effects and safety problems more than offset any potential benefits;

WHEREAS, Kratom has been reported to cause abnormal brain function when taken with certain prescription medicine. The effects of Kratom become stronger as the quantity taken increases and is known to cause death. Kratom is not currently regulated in the United States, and federal agencies are taking action to combat false claims about kratom; studies on the effects of kratom have identified many safety concerns and no clear benefits;

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury does hereby declare that the use of Kratom is a serious problem affecting the health and welfare of all citizens. The Grant Parish Police Jury does further declare and determine that all reasonable steps should be taken to prohibit the sale of Kratom in Grant Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Parish Police Jury hereby deems it necessary and proper for good government, order and protection of persons and property, and for the preservation of public health, safety and welfare of the Parish and its inhabitants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Grant Parish Police Jury of the Parish of Grant, State of Louisiana in regular session convened, as follows: to wit:

Section 1. It shall be illegal for any person, vendor, seller or retailer doing business in Grant Parish to sell Mitragyna Speciosa Korth (Kratom) in the Parish of Grant.

Section 2. Penalties.

- (1) Whoever violates the provisions 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.
- (2) Whoever violates the provisions of this section for a second offense shall be fined one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both.
- (3) Whoever violates the provisions of this section for a third or subsequent offense shall be fined one thousand, five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both.
- (4) If the offender is a vendor, seller or retailer doing business in Grant Parish, it shall forfeit and/or have all business licenses revoked by the Parish in addition to the above-stated penalties.

Section 3. If any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end the provisions or items of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

Date of Enactment – This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval and adoption by the Grant Parish Police Jury.

WHEREUPON THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED TO A VOTE AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

YEAS: Mr. Mark Ball, Mr. Brandon DuBois, Mr. Johnny Jamison, Mr. Arnöld Murrell
Mr. David Merrell, Mr. Cephas Bowie Jr., Mr. Winston Roberts

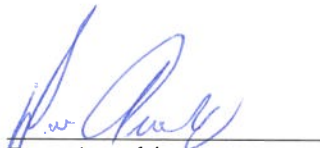
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

AND THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON THIS 13th **DAY OF** October,
2022.




Jessie Pace
Parish Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Grant Parish Police Jury



Don Arnold
President
Grant Parish Police Jury

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessie Pace, Parish Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Grant Parish Police Jury, do hereby certify the forgoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the said Police Jury in a regular session on the 13th day of October, 2022, at a quorum.



Jessie Pace
Parish Manager/Secretary – Treasurer
Grant Parish Police Jury