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Call to Action

The Kansas City Council is considering Ordinance 251028, which would regulate the sale of certain psychoactive substances and related paraphernalia in the city, including intoxicating cannabinoids (Delta-8, Delta-10, THC-A, etc.), kratom and its derivatives (7-OH), and other "novel psychoactive substances" like tianeptine. It is essential that this ordinance remains comprehensive and includes all the harmful/unregulated products, ensuring no loopholes that would exclude products. The Council needs to hear from community members about the importance of strong protections. The ordinance will be heard in committee on January 6 at 10:30 AM, but they need to hear from you between now and then. Your voice can make a difference. For more information, view the ordinance here: Ordinance 251028

- Suggested message: I strongly support Ordinance 251028 and urge the City Council to keep it comprehensive. It is important that the ordinance includes all potentially harmful substances, including kratom, intoxicating cannabinoids, and novel psychoactives, to protect our community. Please ensure the Council maintains strong and complete protection.
- Other supporting information
  - When speaking of 7-OH, a local medical director stated, "While medical providers are becoming more aware of the increasing use of these substances, they are still difficult to keep track of due to the myriads of products that are available for purchase. They can have significant effects on a person's health and especially if that person already has other medical issues and are also taking other medications that can interact with 7-OH that can result in significant health risks."
  - From a local coalition member: "My best friend's brother just committed suicide after getting hooked on Kratom. The medical examiner told my friend she is getting sick of the deaths caused from use of the "legal" drug. It took less than one month to be so addicted he was going to the smoke shop every other day, he quit work, isolated himself, was extremely paranoid and then took his life. Something needs to be done."
  - The FDA, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Midwest

HIDTA, and the Kansas City Health Department have all issued warnings and concerns.

- According to Poison Control: From 2011-2017, there were 1,174 kratom-only exposures in which 1,020 resulted in adverse clinical effects. In the first 7 months of 2025, there were 1,690 reports. In that same period, 165 reports of 7HMG exposure with 67% treated in the hospital. 51.9% of these cases required treatment including IV fluids, benzodiazepines, oxygen, naloxone, and intubation.
- Regulation alone has shown to not be effective. States with Kratom Consumer Protection Acts (KCPA) are still inundated with high-potency extracts, gummies, and drinks. Enforcement is also extremely weak. Lawmakers in Utah are now pushing to repeal their KCPA law and ban kratom altogether. What starts as "natural leaf" quickly turns into highly concentrated shots, powders, tablets, and derivatives that are far more potent than anything found in the plant's natural state. From a public-health standpoint, a clear prohibition on the sale of kratom and its derivatives within city limits is the simplest and most comprehensive. It sends a strong message that Kansas City will not allow unregulated opioids to be sold as "supplements", it protects families before they become another statistic and helps law enforcement and health officials by removing a confusing, constantly shifting category of products from retail shelves entirely. Send a unified message that Kansas City is a safe place for community members and those that visit the city.

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