



HUDSON VALLEY BOTANICALS

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Deborah Delgado, Village Clerk

Village of Montgomery, 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, New York 12549

Re: Drafting references for the proposed kratom law.

Dear Ms. Delgado,

I would be grateful if you could share this letter and its enclosures with the Village Attorney and the Board of Trustees, and include it with the written comments for the October 6 public hearing.

I own Hudson Valley Botanicals, a kratom company in Poughkeepsie that has operated since 2017. I have a commercial interest in how the Village handles this, and I want to say so at the outset.

The hearing notice describes a ban on the sale and distribution of kratom products, and no proposed text is posted with it. I am writing now so the Village Attorney has adoptable language in hand before the draft is final.

My request is that the local law target concentrated and synthetic 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH) products rather than all kratom, using the thresholds in S8925-A: products containing 7-OH above two percent of total alkaloids or one milligram per serving. S8925-A passed both houses of the State Legislature unanimously in June and awaits the Governor.

Two texts are enclosed as drafting references. Dutchess County Local Law No. 6 of 2026 uses exactly those thresholds. It was adopted unanimously on August 10 and signed by County Executive Sue Serino, who had first proposed a full ban. It also reaches online sellers delivering into the county and includes a clause voiding the local law once substantially similar state legislation takes effect. Ulster County Proposed Local Law No. 16 of 2026, now pending, uses the same thresholds in a freshly drafted form. Either can be adapted for a village.

For context, the state's 21-and-over sales law is already in effect, the state labeling law takes effect in December 2026, and the DEA moved in July to schedule concentrated 7-OH and synthetic analogs while leaving natural leaf unscheduled.

I am glad to send both texts in Word so the Village Attorney can edit them directly, and to answer any questions in writing.

Thank you for your help.

Respectfully, Scott Urbin | Owner, Hudson Valley Botanicals LLC | Poughkeepsie, NY

Enclosures: Dutchess County Local Law No. 6 of 2026, filed text; Ulster County Proposed Local Law No. 16 of 2026