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REFERENCE SHEET | DUTCHESS COUNTY LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2026

Enclosure to the letter of Scott Urbin, Hudson Valley Botanicals LLC, to the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, September 30, 2026

WHAT IT IS

Dutchess County Local Law No. 6 of 2026, “Prohibiting the Sale and Distribution of Concentrated and Synthetic 7-Hydroxymitragynine (7-OH) Kratom Products in Dutchess County.” Introduced as Resolution No. 2026136, passed by the County Legislature on August 10, 2026, and signed by County Executive Sue Serino in September. The Legislature posted its Notice of Adoption on September 14. Under Municipal Home Rule Law § 27 it takes effect when filed with the Secretary of State. It is not a kratom prohibition: plain leaf stays available to adults 21 and over, subject to the State’s age law (in effect) and labeling law (effective December 19, 2026).

WHAT THE LAW DOES

- Prohibits any product containing 7-OH above two percent of total alkaloids or above one milligram per serving, the thresholds in state bill S8925-A.
- Separately prohibits named synthetic compounds, including MGM-15, MGM-16 and mitragynine pseudoindoxyl, and their structural analogs.
- Reaches online and out-of-county sellers who ship prohibited products to an address in the county.
- Civil penalties up to \$1,500 for a first violation and up to \$3,000 for a repeat, plus up to \$500 more for a sale to anyone under 21.
- Enforced by the Dutchess County Department of Health.
- Steps aside if a state law covering the same ground takes effect.

HOW IT CAME ABOUT

County Executive Serino announced a proposed countywide ban on all kratom on July 30, 2026. The Legislature’s own bill was written from the start to target concentrates and lab-made compounds; its August 6 release described it as a ban on “dangerous gas station kratom concentrates” that protects adults’ access to natural leaf. It cleared committee on August 6 and passed on August 10 by voice vote, with no recorded opposition. On signing, the County Executive said the law does not go as far as she wanted, but that any step forward is better than the status quo.

WHERE TO GET THE OFFICIAL TEXT

The text as introduced is enclosed for convenience. For any provision counsel intends to rely on or adapt, request a certified copy of Local Law No. 6 of 2026 from the Clerk of the Dutchess County Legislature, (845) 486-2100. The Notice of Adoption is posted on the Legislature’s Legal Notices page at dutchessny.gov.

WHY IT IS OFFERED HERE

Hamilton County’s Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2026 would prohibit kratom in all forms. Local Law No. 6 is an enacted New York county law that addresses the same public health concern by targeting concentrated and synthetic 7-OH products. It was written by a county legislature, adopted without recorded opposition, signed by a County Executive who had sought a broader ban, and aligned with the limits the State Legislature passed in June. It can be adapted section for section.

Disclosure. Prepared by Scott Urbin, owner of Hudson Valley Botanicals LLC of Poughkeepsie, New York. I sell kratom leaf products in New York and have a financial interest in how this is resolved. This sheet is a summary written by an interested party. It is not legal advice or an official document of Dutchess County.