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Sent: Mar 11, 2025 21:27:52.000000000 UTC
Subject: RE: Kratom regulation language
To: Patel, Gruha <gpatel@cityofmelrose.org>

You are most welcome. Thank you for your interest in all things Public Health related. We need more people like you!

From: Patel, Gruha <gpatel@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 4:19 PM
To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: RE: Kratom regulation language

Thank you so much for sharing all the materials. I really appreciate it. Thank you for taking me with you for inspection, there was a lot of learning today. Grateful to you.

Best regards,
Gruha

From: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@CityofMelrose.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 3:58 PM
To: Patel, Gruha <gpatel@cityofmelrose.org>
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Subject: FW: Kratom regulation language

From: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 4:02 PM
To: Chris Webb (cwebb@cityofmalden.org) <cwebb@cityofmalden.org>; Jen Murphy (jenmurphy@winchester.us) <jenmurphy@winchester.us>; MaryAnn O'Connor <moconnor@medford-ma.gov>; Chui, Anthony <achui@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: Kratom regulation language

Here is the regulation passed by the Lowell Board of Health. I suspect Dracut's is similar because they modeled theirs after Lowell's. Chelmsford planned to do the same.

From: Pungirum, Cesar <cpungirum@lowellma.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 8:40 AM
To: Buzby, Maureen <mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org>; Ronald Beauregard <ronald.beauregard@andoverma.us>
Subject: Re: Speaker set 2/14 Nicotine Free Generation

Hey, Maureen!

Lowell adopted a ban on the sale, manufacturing and distribution of Kratom on December 4, 2024. There were a few speakers on both sides of this issue, including the family members of the person whose death is attributed to Kratom and someone who came from Virginia (I think) to oppose the regulation. For your convenience, I have included the adopted regulation here.

Please note that the regulation contains the fine schedule that exceeds the scope of authority of boards of health. It seems that everyone missed this, including one of our assistant city solicitors and myself.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Cesar

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