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January 14, 2026

Supervising Legal Certification Clerk
County of Riverside
P.O. Box 751
Riverside, CA 92501-0751

SUBJECT: Filing of a Notice of Exemption for LR25-0438, Kratom Ordinance

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is the Notice of Exemption for the above referenced project. In addition, pursuant to Assembly Bill 3158 (Chapter 1706) please find a receipt in the amount of $50.00, for the County Administrative fee to enable the City to file the Notice of Exemption required under Public Resources Code Section 21152 and 14 California Code Regulations 1507. The City of Temecula is paying the $50.00 filing fee under protest. It is the opinion of the City that the administrative fee has been increased in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of State Law. Under Public Resources Code Section 21152 and 14 California Code Regulations 1507, the County is entitled to receive a $25.00 filing fee.

Also, please email a stamped copy of the Notice of Exemption **within five working days** after the 30-day posting to the email listed below.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mark Collins at email Mark.Collins@TemeculaCA.gov.

Sincerely,

Matt Peters
Director of Community Development

Attachments: Project Notice of Exemption Form

City of Temecula
Community Development
Planning Division

Notice of Exemption

TO:	County Clerk and Recorders Office County of Riverside P.O. Box 751 Riverside, CA 92501-0751	**FROM:**	Planning Division City of Temecula 41000 Main Street Temecula, CA 92590

Project Title: Long Range Application No. LR25-0438, Kratom Ordinance

Description of Project: An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Temecula amending Title 8 of the Temecula Municipal Code to regulate the sale, distribution and possession of kratom products,

Project Location: Citywide

Applicant/Proponent: City of Temecula

The City Council approved the above described project on January 13, 2026 and found that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended.

Exempt Status: (*check one*)

- ☐ Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); Section 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); Section 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); Section 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions (Section Number:)
- ☐ Categorical Exemption; (Section Number)
- ☒ Other: Section Number 15061 (b)(3)

Statement of Reasons Supporting the Finding that the Project is Exempt:

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the proposed ordinance has been deemed to be exempt from further environmental review as there is no possibility that the proposed ordinance would have a significant impact on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). The proposed ordinance amends Title 8 of the Temecula Municipal Code to prohibit the sale, distribution and possession of Kratom Products. The Ordinance does not permit any physical changes to the environment and no construction of any kind will occur due to the passage of this Ordinance.

Contact Person/Title: Mark Collins, Senior Planner **Phone Number**: (951) 506-5172

Signature: Matt Peters **Date**: 1/14/26

Matt Peters, Director of Community Development

Date received for filing at the County Clerk and Recorders Office: