In the Matter of the Redition Application

of

J & G VENDING CORPORATION

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State of New York County of Albany

Lynn Wilson , being duly sworn, deposes and says that
she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of
age, and that on the 28th day of August , 1973, she served the within

Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon J & G VENDING

CORPORATION (representative of) the petitioner in the within

proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid

wrapper addressed as follows: J & G Vending Corporation
P. O. Box 95

Salisbury Mills, New York 12577

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Post Office Department within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representative of) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative of the) petitioner.

Sworn to before me this

28th day of August // , 1

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ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX PRESIDENT

A. BRUCE MANLEY

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DATED:

Albany, New York

August 28, 1973

J & G Vending Corporation P. O. Box 95 Salisbury Mills, New York 12577

Gentlemen:

Please take notice of the **DETERMINATION** of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(s) 478 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 30 days from the date of this notice.

Any inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision or concerning any other matter relative hereto may be addressed to the undersigned. These will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Very truly yours

Paul B. Coburn HEARING OFFICER

Enc.

cc: Petitioner's Representative

Law Bureau

STATE OF NEW YORK

Counsel).

STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application

of

J & G VENDING CORPORATION : DETERMINATION

for a License as a Wholesale Dealer of Cigarettes pursuant to Article 20 of the Tax Law.

Applicant, J & G Vending Corporation, has filed an application for a license as a wholesale dealer of cigarettes pursuant to

Article 20 of the Tax Law. A formal hearing was held before Paul B.

Coburn, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission,

80 Centre Street, New York, New York, on July 19, 1973, at 9:15 A.M.

Applicant appeared by Finkelstein, Mauriello, Kaplan & Levine, Esqs.

(Andrew Mauriello, Esq., of Counsel). The Miscellaneous Tax Bureau

ISSUE

appeared by Saul Heckelman, Esq. (Francis X. Boylan, Esq., of

Should a license as a wholesale dealer of cigarettes pursuant to Article 20 of the Tax Law be issued to J & G Vending Corporation?

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about November 7, 1972, applicant, J & G Vending Corporation, filed an application for a license as a wholesale dealer of cigarettes with the Miscellaneous Tax Bureau.

- 2. On March 15, 1973, the Miscellaneous Tax Bureau denied applicant, J & G Vending Corporation's application for a license as a wholesale dealer of cigarettes.
- 3. On March 27, 1973, applicant, J & G Vending Corporation, demanded a hearing by the State Tax Commission to review the denial of its application for a license as a wholesale dealer of cigarettes.
- 4. Applicant, J & G Vending Corporation, was incorporated in New York State on October 2, 1972. The president of the corporation is Louis F. Gazzola, Jr. The treasurer of the corporation is Joseph Colombo, Jr. The aforesaid officers each own fifty percent of the stock and are directors of the corporation. Part of Mr. Gazzola, Jr.'s duties as president of the corporation is to solicit new accounts.
- 5. Applicant, J & G Vending Corporation, is engaged in the business of operating cigarette vending machines in Orange County, New York. At the time of the filing of the application for a license as a wholesale dealer of cigarettes, it owned five vending machines and purchased approximately 2,000 packages of cigarettes a month. At the time of the formal hearing, it owned ten vending machines of which seven were on location.
- 6. Louis F. Gazzola, Jr. and Joseph Colombo, Jr. each invested approximately \$1,000.00 in J & G Vending Corporation at the time of its formation. The corporation borrowed \$5,800.00 from the First National Bank of Newburgh, New York, to finance the

purchase of the cigarette vending machines. The two officers personally guaranteed the corporate note to the bank. Subsequently, the note was called by the bank and was paid off by Joseph Colombo, Jr. The corporation is presently paying back Mr. Colombo, Jr. out of the revenues it derives from the sale of cigarettes. The officers of the corporation have not received any salaries from the corporation since its inception.

- 7. In 1952, Louis F. Gazzola, Jr. was convicted in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, to wit, robbery in the second degree.
- 8. In 1954, Louis F. Gazzola, Jr. was convicted in the County Court, Orange County, State of New York of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, to wit, grand larceny in the second degree.
- 9. In 1960, Louis F. Gazzola, Jr. purchased a small cigarette vending route in Orange County. He sold the business in 1962 for \$3,500.00.
- 10. Between 1962 and 1972, Louis F. Gazzola, Jr. worked as a mason, a foreman and a shop steward for Bricklayers Local No. 5, Newburgh, New York.
- 11. In 1966, Louis F. Gazzola, Jr. pleaded guilty in the Justice Court of the Town of New Windsor to the crime of disorderly conduct resulting from an incident in a luncheonette in Newburgh, New York. He was fined \$50.00.

- 12. In 1972, Louis F. Gazzola, Jr. was convicted in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York of one count of unlawfully, willfully and knowingly receiving, possessing and transporting in commerce a firearm, to wit, a Winchester Model 1400 shotgun in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code Appendix, Section 1202(a)(1) and of four counts of unlawfully, willfully and knowingly making a false and fictitious oral and written statement in that he represented that he had not been convicted in any court of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 922(a)(6). He was imprisoned for six months, fined \$2,000.00 and placed on probation for three years.
- 13. Louis F. Gazzola, Jr. resided in Beaver Dam Lake, New York, from 1952 until the present time, except during the periods of time he was incarcerated. He is 39 years old, married, owns his own home, and has an eleven-year-old adopted son.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the character and reputation of the officers of applicant, J & G Vending Corporation, are decisive elements in the appraisal of the character of the corporation since licensing of a corporate applicant as a wholesale dealer of cigarettes pursuant to Article 20 of the Tax Law entails consideration of the qualifications of the principals through which the corporation will act.
- B. That the past criminal record of Louis F. Gazzola, Jr.,

 President of J & G Vending Corporation, is incompatible and inconsistent with the responsibilities assumed by the corporation as a

wholesale dealer of cigarettes pursuant to Article 20 of the Tax Law and therefore the corporation is not a fit and proper party to be so licensed.

C. That the denial by the Miscellaneous Tax Bureau of the application of J & G Vending Corporation for a license as a wholesale dealer of cigarettes is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York August 28, 1973 STATE TAX COMMISSION

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COMMISSIONER