In the Matter of the Petition

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MORRIS PARK VENDING CORP.

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State of New York County of Albany

Catherine Steele , 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 29th day of November , 19 76, she served the within
Notice of Determination by (markified) mail upon Morris Park Vending Corp.

(representative NE) the petitioner in the within proceeding,
by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed
as follows:

Morris Park Vending Corp.

1735 Lurting Avenue New York, New York

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 Postal Service within the State of New York.

Sworn to before me this

29th day of November , 1976

Catherine Steele



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STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

TAX APPEALS BUREAU

STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

November 29, 1976

TELEPHONE: (518) 457-3850

Morris Park Vending Corp. 1735 Lurting Avenue New York, New York

Gentlemen:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(x) 478 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 4 months from the date of this notice.

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. They will be referred to the proper party for reply.

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Supervising Tax

Hearing Officer

cc: BENNCLEHEN EXKEPTERENDER XXX

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application

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DETERMINATION

MORRIS PARK VENDING CORP.

for a Hearing under Article 20 of the Tax Law.

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Applicant, Morris Park Vending Corp., applied for a hearing regarding the revocation of its license as a wholesale dealer of cigarettes and a formal hearing with respect thereto was held before Edward Goodell, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on March 16, 1976 at 9:15 A.M. The applicant appeared by Joseph Angelo. The Miscellaneous Tax Bureau appeared by Peter J. Crotty, Esq., (James A. Scott, Esq., of Counsel). The proofs having been heard and the evidence having been considered, the State Tax Commission finds and determines as follows:

ISSUE

Whether the license of applicant, Morris Park Vending Corp., as a wholesale dealer of cigarettes, should be revoked by reason of the criminal record of John Angelone.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Morris Park Vending Corp. applied to the Department of
 Taxation and Finance for a "License as Wholesale Dealer of Cigarettes"
 on January 18, 1966 and thereafter was so licensed.
- 2. On December 3, 1975, the Department of Taxation and Finance addressed a letter to "Mr. John Angelone, President, Morris Park Vending," stating that "...your license, #C-1298V as a wholesale dealer of cigarettes for the State of New York is hereby revoked effective January 1, 1976...based upon your criminal record." The letter further advised the applicant that it had "the right to a hearing prior to the revocation of your license as a wholesale dealer of cigarettes."
- 3. On December 16, 1975, a request for such hearing was made on behalf of the applicant.
- 4. Morris Park Vending Corp. was formed in 1964 by John Angelone and Joseph Angelo, each of whom owned and continue to own fifty percent of its stock. John Angelone has been president and a director and Joseph Angelo has been treasurer and a director of the corporation since its organization.
- 5. The corporation places its cigarette vending machines at various locations, stocks them with cigarettes, collects the proceeds of sale and pays a commission to each respective location proprietor based on the amount of sales attributable to the machine or machines placed at their location.

- 3 -6. Although Joseph Angelo testified that John Angelone did not take an active role in the operations of the corporation, John Angelone was instrumental in the establishment of the business. John Angelone had prior experience in the vending machine field, while Joseph Angelo did not. John Angelone also contributed five to seven cigarette vending machines to the corporation at the inception of business. Joseph Angelo also testified that these machines were not fully paid for at that time but were paid for by him "through the corporation." That among other things, the criminal record of John Angelone includes his conviction on May 5, 1975 of attempted bribery of a

- police officer and his sentence by reason thereof to a term of 1 to 4 years in prison.
- That John Angelone is a brother of Joseph Angelo who appeared at the hearing on behalf of the applicant.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- That the character and reputation of the officers of the applicant, Morris Park Vending Corp., 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 conducts its activities.
- That the criminal record of John Angelone, president of Morris Park Vending Corp., is incompatible and inconsistent with the responsibilities assumed by said corporation as a wholesale dealer of cigarettes

pursuant to Article 20 of the Tax Law and constitutes sufficient cause for the revocation of applicant's license.

C. That the license of Morris Park Vending Corp. as a wholesale dealer of cigarettes pursuant to Article 20 of the Tax Law is hereby revoked.

DATED: Albany, New York November 29, 1976 FTATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

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