In the Matter of the Petition

GREEN MEADOW STABLES, INC. and ROLLAND TREMBLAY and MARILYN TREMBLAY Individually and as Officers or a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision of a Determination or a Refund of Sales and Use :

Taxes under Article(s) 28 and 29 of the Tax Law for the Xear(x) or Period(s) :

9/1/71 through 11/30/74.

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

State of New York County of Albany

Bruce Batchelor

, 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 10thday of December , 19 76, she served the within Green Meadow Stables, Inc.

Notice of Determination

by (mentified) mail upon and Rolland Tremblay and

Individually and as Officers Marilyn Tremblay the petitioner in the within proceeding,

by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed

as follows:

Green Meadow Stables, Inc.

Rolland Tremblay and Marilyn Tremblay

2 Rod Road

East Aurora, 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.

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

Sworn to before me this

10th day of December , 19 76

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as follows: John T. Frizzell, Esq.

Williams, Stevens, McCarville & Frizzell, P.C.

1920 Liberty Bank Building

Buffalo, NY 14202

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# STATE TAX COMMISSION

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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

December 10, 1976

TELEPHONE: (518/457-3850

Green Meadow Stables, Inc.
Rolland Trembley and Marilyn Trembley
2 Rod Road
East Aurora, New York

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Tremblay:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(s) 1138 and 1243 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.

Very typy yours,

Enc.

Edul B. Coburn Supervising Tax Hearing Officer

cc: Petitioner's Representative:

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

## STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application

of

GREEN MEADOW STABLES, INC. and ROLLAND TREMBLAY and MARILYN TREMBLAY Individually and as Officers

DETERMINATION

for Revision of a Determination or for Refund of Sales and Use Taxes under Articles 28 and 29 of the Tax Law for the Period September 1, 1971 through November 30, 1974.

Applicants, Green Meadow Stables, Inc., Rolland Tremblay and Marilyn Tremblay, 2 Rod Road, East Aurora, New York, have filed an application for revision of a determination or for refund of sales and use taxes under Articles 28 and 29 of the Tax Law for the period September 1, 1971 through November 30, 1974. (File No. 00011105). A formal hearing was held before Julius E. Braun, Esq., Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, State Office Building, Buffalo, New York, on June 9, 1976, at 12:15 P.M. Applicants appeared by John T. Frizzel, Esq. The Sales Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (Richard Kaufman, Esq. of counsel).

### <u>ISSUE</u>

Are hourly charges for horseback riding on horses supplied by corporate applicant and ridden by said applicant's customers on its premises, subject to sales tax?

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Applicant, Green Meadow Stables, Inc., timely filed New York State and local sales and use tax returns for the period September 1, 1971 through November 30, 1974.
- 2. On July 28, 1974, the Sales Tax Bureau issued a Notice of Determination and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes Due against applicants, Green Meadow Stables, Inc., Rolland Tremblay and Marilyn Tremblay, individually, and as officers, for the period September 1, 1971 through November 30, 1974, in the amount of \$13,077.84, including penalties and interest.
- 3. Applicant, Green Meadow Stables, Inc., in the period at issue, operated a riding stable of approximately forty to forty-five horses, which its customers were permitted to ride at the rate of five dollars per hour in a ring and in a fenced-in area of trails on 40 acres of woodlands. The horses were equipped by Green Meadow Stables, Inc., with the proper saddles for riding.
- 4. The horseback riding in which the customers of Green Meadow Stables, Inc. participated was an activity which involved substantial physical exercise on the part of said customers.
- 5. Green Meadow Stables, Inc. did not collect sales tax on the aforementioned hourly charges for horseback riding.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the hourly charges imposed by applicant, Green Meadow Stables, Inc., for horseback riding on horses supplied by said applicant to its customers and ridden by said customers on applicant's premises, constituted, in view of the showing of substantial physical exercise, charges to a patron for admission to, or use of, facilities for sporting activities in which the patron was to be a participant, within the meaning and intent of section 1105(f)(1) of the Tax Law.
- B. That said hourly charges were, therefore, not subject to sales tax.
- C. That the application of Green Meadow Stables, Inc., Rolland Tremblay and Marilyn Tremblay, is granted and the Notice of Determination and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes Due, issued July 28, 1974, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: Albany, New York

December 10, 1976

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