In the Matter of the Petition of JOHN FAHRBACH, JR. : AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING D/B/A FAHRBACH"S RESTAURANT For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Sales and Use Taxes under Article(s) 28 and 29 of the Tax Law for the (Xxxx(x) period June 1, 1967 through November 30, 1969

State of New York County of Albany

Rae Zimmerman, 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 March , 19 72, she served the within Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon John Fahrbach, Jr. D/B/A Fahrbach's Restaurant (representative of) the petitioner in the within

proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid John Fahrbach, Jr. wrapper addressed as follows: D/B/A Fahrbach's Restaurant 1416 Glover Street Bronx, New York 10462

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

29th day of March **, 1972** north Furan

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ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

DATED :

Albany, New York **March 29, 1972**

John Fahrbach, Jr. D/B/A Fahrbach's Restaurant 1416 Glover Street Bconx, N.Y. 10462

Dear Mr. Fahrbach:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to **sections 1138 and 1243 of** the Tax Law any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within **four months** after 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 relating hereto may be addressed to the undersigned. These will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence A. Newman HEARING OFFICER

cc Petitioner's Representative Law Bureau

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application

of

JOHN FAHRBACH, JR. D/B/A FAHRBACH'S RESTAURANT

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 June 1, 1967 through November 30, 1969.

John Fahrbach, Jr. applied 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 from June 1, 1967 through November 30, 1969.

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DETERMINATION

A formal hearing was held before Lawrence A. Newman, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, 80 Centre Street, New York, New York on January 11, 1972.

The applicant appeared pro se. The Sales Tax Bureau was represented by Saul Heckelman, Esq., (Solomon Sies, Esq., of Counsel).

ISSUE

Whether the examination of the applicant's books and records and the resulting findings are correct and proper.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant, John Fahrbach, Jr., filed New York State and local sales and use tax returns for the period from June 1, 1967 through November 30, 1969.

2. On September 10, 1970, the applicant signed a consent extending the period for assessment of sales and use taxes (for the period from June 1, 1967 through November 30, 1969) to September 20, 1971.

3. On November 23, 1970, the Sales Tax Bureau issued a notice of determination and demand, for the periods in issue, numbered 90,350,407 in the amount of \$697.77, plus statutory penalties and interest. On January 22, 1971, the applicant filed the equivalent of an application for revision of the determination.

4. The applicant operated a restaurant, bar and grill in a slum area of New York City. Except for occasional errands, the applicant had no employees and tended the business from early opening to evening closing. An outside bookkeeper wrote up the store records and prepared the tax returns.

5. The notice of determination was based upon the resulting findings a field examination of the applicant's books and records including general ledgers and register tapes. The basic findings are summarized as follows:

(a) The markup on purchases relating to the sale of liquor was increased from a submitted 75 1/2% to 139%, based on purchases and sales shown in the general ledger.

(b) The markup on purchases relating to the sale of beer was increased from a submitted 81% to 100% based upon industry-wide experience by the District Tax Office.

(c) Based upon a four-day test period of cash register tapes, the markup on purchases relating to overall sales was increased from a submitted 49% to 53%. The applicant's estimate that 10% of food sales were for one dollar or more and taxable was accepted without question.

6. The applicant contended that the totals should be reduced by the value of merchandise that had been stolen from the store and not sold, but could not prove the value thereof or the specific dates of these losses.

7. The applicant contended that the business had been closed during indeterminate periods of illness but could not furnish the dates of the closings.

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8. The audit of the applicant's books and records and the resulting findings followed generally accepted procedures and adequate tests consistent with the nature of the business operations and available records.

DETERMINATION

Α. The examination of the applicant's books and records was properly conducted, and the resulting findings are based upon substantial evidence.

В. The notice of determination is sustained, and the application for revision of the determination is denied.

DATED: Albany, New York march 29, 1972 STATE TAX COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER

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