In the Matter of the Petition

of

Albert Cerasoli

d/b/a Cerasoli TV & Appliances

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision

of a Determination or a Refund of

Sales & Use Tax

under Article 28 & 29 of the Tax Law

for the Periods 8/65-11/69,12/69-2/75.

State of New York County of Albany

Jean Schultz, 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 February, 1980, she served the within notice of Determination by mail upon Albert Cerasoli, d/b/a Cerasoli TV & Appliances, the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows:

Albert Cerasoli d/b/a Cerasoli TV & Appliances 292 Main St.

Cornwall, NY 12518 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 petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the petitioner.

Sworn to before me this 29th day of February, 1980.

Joan Schutty

Joanne Knapp

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Mr. Jonathan Chasan Mid Hudson Legal Services, Inc. 185 Liberty St., P.O. Box 590 Newburgh, NY 12550

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 representative of the petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the representative of the petitioner.

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Sworn to before me this 29th day of February, 1980.

Joanne Knapp

## STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION ALBANY, NEW YORK 12227

February 29, 1980

Albert Cerasoli d/b/a Cerasoli TV & Appliances 292 Main St. Cornwall, NY 12518

Dear Mr. Cerasoli:

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

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(s) 1138 & 1243 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission can only be instituted under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Laws and Rules, and must be commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County, within 4 months from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision may be addressed to:

NYS Dept. Taxation and Finance Deputy Commissioner and Counsel Albany, New York 12227 Phone # (518) 457-6240

Very truly yours,

STATE TAX COMMISSION

cc: Petitioner's Representative Jonathan Chasan Mid Hudson Legal Services, Inc. 185 Liberty St., P.O. Box 590 Newburgh, NY 12550 Taxing Bureau's Representative STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application

of

ALBERT CERASOLI d/b/a CERASOLI T.V. and APPLIANCES

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 Periods August 1, 1965 through November 30, 1969 and December 1, 1969 through February 28, 1975.

Applicant, Albert Cerasoli d/b/a Cerasoli Television and Appliances, 292 Main Street, Cornwall, New York 12518, 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 periods August 1, 1965 through November 30, 1969 and December 1, 1969 through February 28, 1975 (File No. 11399).

A small claims hearing was held before Arthur Johnson, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on September 20, 1979 at 1:15 P.M. Applicant appeared with Jonathan Chasan, Esq. The Sales Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (Frank Levitt, Esq., of counsel).

#### ISSUES

- I. Whether the Sales Tax Bureau properly credited applicant for all sales tax payments.
- II. Whether the penalty and interest in excess of the minimum statutory rate imposed by the Sales Tax Bureau should be cancelled.

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### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. During the period at issue, applicant, Albert Cerasoli, operated a retail television and appliance store at 292 Main Street in Cornwall, New York.
- 2. On April 13, 1970, as the result of an audit, the Sales Tax Bureau issued a Notice of Determination and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes Due against applicant, Albert Cerasoli d/b/a Cerasoli Television and Appliances, for the period August 1, 1965 through November 30, 1969 for tax due of \$1,567.09, plus penalty and interest of \$405.89, for a total of \$1,972.98.
- 3. On November 5, 1969, applicant executed a Consent Extending Period of Limitation for Assessment of Sales and Use Taxes for the period August 1, 1965 through November 30, 1967 to December 20, 1970.
- 4. Applicant filed New York State and local sales and use tax returns for the period August 1, 1965 through November 30, 1969; however, he did not pay over the sales taxes due.
- 5. On August 8, 1975, applicant filed as a group New York State and local sales and use tax returns for the period December 1, 1969 through February 28, 1975 without remitting the sales taxes due. As a result, on September 22, 1975 the Sales Tax Bureau issued a Notice and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes Due against applicant for \$1,359.47, plus penalty and interest of \$655.61, for a total of \$2,015.08.
- 6. The Sales Tax Bureau stipulated that applicant's sales tax returns filed for the period August 1, 1965 through November 30, 1969 were correct, and therefore, applicant is not liable for the additional sales taxes asserted on the notice issued April 13, 1970.
- 7. Applicant's sales tax returns for the period August 1, 1965 through November 30, 1969 showed sales taxes due of \$1,105.87. The Sales Tax Bureau verified payments during said period totaling \$414.46, leaving an outstanding

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balance of \$691.41. The Sales Tax Bureau received additional payments of \$702.63 in 1972, which were applied to the balance due on unpaid sales tax returns. The Sales Tax Bureau stipulated that the remaining \$11.22 be applied to the unpaid return for the period ending February 28, 1970, thereby reducing the tax on the notice issued September 22, 1975 to \$1,348.25.

- 8. Applicant contended that sales taxes for the period August 1, 1965 through November 30, 1969 were satisfied prior to his payments of \$702.63 in 1972, and that such payments should be applied against his liability for the period December 1, 1969 through February 28, 1975. Applicant failed to submit any documentary evidence to show that he made sales tax payments other than those indicated in Findings of Fact "7".
- 9. Applicant contended that the Sales Tax Bureau caused the delay in resolving this matter and, as such, the penalty and a portion of the interest should not be imposed.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That applicant, Albert Cerasoli, properly received credit for the sales tax payments referred to in Findings of Fact "7"; that applicant failed to submit proof of any additional payments.
- B. That in accordance with Findings of Fact "6", the Notice of Determination and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes Due issued April 13, 1970 is cancelled. The Notice and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes Due issued September 22, 1975 is reduced to \$1,348.25 in accordance with Findings of Fact "7".
- C. That the penalties and interest imposed by the Sales Tax Bureau pursuant to section 1145 of the Tax Law are sustained.

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D. That the application of Albert Cerasoli d/b/a Cerasoli Television and Appliances is granted to the extent indicated in Conclusion of Law "B". The Audit Division is hereby directed to modify the Notice and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes Due issued September 22, 1975; and that, except as so granted, the application is in all other respects denied.

DATED: Albany, New York

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