### STATE OF NEW YORK

#### STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition

οf

Alan Weber Officer of QF Center, Inc.

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or Revision of a Determination or Refund of Sales & Use Tax under Article 28 & 29 of the Tax Law for the Period 6/1/78 - 10/30/79.

State of New York }

ss.:

County of Albany }

David Parchuck, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is an employee of the State Tax Commission, that he is over 18 years of age, and that on the 14th day of December, 1984, he served the within notice of Decision by certified mail upon Alan Weber, Officer of QF Center, Inc. the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows:

Alan Weber Officer of QF Center, Inc. 148 Caesar Blvd. Williamsville, NY 14221

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a post office 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.

Darid Joan huck

Sworn to before me this 14th day of December, 1984.

Authorized to administer oaths pursuant to Tax Law section 174

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

December 14, 1984

Alan Weber Officer of QF Center, Inc. 148 Caesar Blvd. Williamsville, NY 14221

Dear Mr. Weber:

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

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(s) 1138 of the Tax Law, a proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission may be instituted only under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law 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 Law Bureau - Litigation Unit Building #9, State Campus Albany, New York 12227 Phone # (518) 457-2070

Very truly yours,

STATE TAX COMMISSION

cc: Taxing Bureau's Representative

#### STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition

of

ALAN WEBER
Officer of QF CENTER, INC.

DECISION

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, 1978 through October 30, 1979.

Petitioner, Alan Weber, Officer of QF Center, Inc., 148 Caesar Boulevard, Williamsville, New York 14221, filed a petition 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, 1978 through October 30, 1979 (File No. 38997).

A small claims hearing was held before Arthur Johnson, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, 65 Court Street, Buffalo, New York, on April 27, 1984 at 9:15 A.M. Petitioner appeared <u>pro</u> <u>se</u>. The Audit Division appeared by John P. Dugan, Esq. (Deborah Dwyer, Esq., of counsel).

### **ISSUE**

Whether petitioner, Alan Weber, was a person required to collect tax on behalf of QF Center, Inc. and was thus personally liable for sales tax unpaid by said corporation.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

1. In June 1977, petitioner, Alan Weber, invested \$15,000.00 in QF Center, Inc. (QF) which was engaged in the photofinishing business. For such investment petitioner was named president and was also issued 50 percent of the outstanding stock.

James Martin was vice-president and owned the remaining 50 percent of the stock.

- 2. Petitioner was a director of the corporation and had responsibility for the day-to-day management and financial affairs of the corporation. He signed checks and tax returns.
- 3. On December 20, 1981, the Audit Division issued a Notice of Determination and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes Due against petitioner, as officer of QF, covering the period June 1, 1978 through November 30, 1979 for taxes due of \$5,393.76, plus penalty and interest of \$3,255.65, for a total of \$8,649.41. QF filed sales tax returns for the above periods without remitting the taxes due shown thereon. Petitioner was aware that the taxes were not paid over with the returns.
- 4. Petitioner resigned from the office of president effective September 1, 1979. He continued his activities with QF, however, for thirty days thereafter in order to have an orderly transition of control to James Martin.
- 5. Petitioner argued that when the corporation ceased doing business, the value of the assets was sufficient to pay the sales tax liability and at that time such assets were under the control of James Martin.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That section 1131(1) of the Tax Law provides:
  - "'Persons required to collect tax' or 'person required to collect any tax imposed by this article' shall include: every vendor of tangible personal property or services... Said terms shall also include any officer or employee of a corporation or of a dissolved corporation who as such officer or employee is under a duty to act for such corporation in complying with any requirement of this article and any member of a partnership."
- B. That the resolution of whether petitioner, Alan Weber, is a person required to collect tax turns upon a factual determination (Vogel v. Dept.

of Taxation and Finance, 913 Misc.2d 222; Chevlowe v. Koerner, 95 Misc.2d 388). Relevant factors in such a determination include, but are not limited to, the following: the person's day-to-day responsibilities in the corporation; his involvement in and knowledge of the financial affairs of the corporation and his authority to sign checks; and the identity of the person who prepared and signed tax returns.

- C. That petitioner was a person required to collect tax within the meaning and intent of section 1131(1) of the Tax Law for the period June 1, 1978 through September 30, 1979 and therefore has personal liability for the unpaid sales taxes due from QF Center, Inc. in accordance with section 1133(a) of the Tax Law.
- D. That petitioner bears no personal liability for sales taxes asserted for periods after September 30, 1979, the date he severed his relationship with QF Center, Inc.
- E. That the petition of Alan Weber is granted to the extent indicated in Conclusion of Law "D"; the Audit Division is hereby directed to modify the Notice of Determination and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes Due issued December 20, 1981; and except as so granted, the petition is in all other respects denied.

DATED: Albany, New York

DEC 1 4 1984

STATE TAX COMMISSION

KESTDENT

111.041

COMMISSIONER

P 470 316 297

#### RECEIPT FOR CERTIFIED MAIL

NO INSURANCE COVERAGE PROVIDED— NOT FOR INTERNATIONAL MAIL

(See Reverse)				
Man Weter	<i>,</i>			
Street and No. Ar Cin	la In			
William Code	14221			
Postage	\$			
Certified Fee				
Special Delivery Fee				
Restricted Delivery Fee				
Return Receipt Showing to whom and Date Delivered				
Return Receipt Showing to whom,				
Date, and Address of Delivery				
TOTAL Postage and Fees	\$			
Postmark or Date				

STATE OF NEW YORK
State Tax Commission
TAX APPEALS BUREAU
STATE CAMPUS
ALBANY, N. Y. 12227

TA 26 (9-79)

DATE 2005

ST NOTICE

JANONOTICE

JANONOTI

SUREAU COLLEGE COLLEGE

DEC14'84

PS Form 3800, Feb. 1982

TAX APPEALS BUREAU State Tax Commission ALBANY, N. Y. 12227 STATE OF NEW YORK STATE CAMPUS 470 316 148 Caesar Blvd. "NILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221" Alan Weber May Conter

TA 26 (9-79)

# REQUEST FOR BETTER ADDRESS

Requested by Room 107	- Bidg. #9	Room 107 - Bidg. a State Campus	#9	Date of Request		
State Cam Albany, Ne	ous ow York 12227	Albany, New York	12227	1/8/85		
Please find most recent address of taxpayer described below; return to person named above.						
Social Security N	lumber	Date of Petition				
Name	Weber		4-11			
Address	r af JF Center, c aesar Dlud.	lnc.				
148 6	Caesar Dhich.					
wille	amsville, n. y	14221				
Results of search	by Files					
New address:						
Same as above, no better address						
Other:	Unclaimed					
Searched by		Section		Date of Search		
Đ				1/8/85		

PERMANENT RECORD

FOR INSERTION IN TAXPAYER'S FOLDER

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

December 14, 1984

Alan Weber Officer of QF Center, Inc. 148 Caesar Blvd. Williamsville, NY 14221

Dear Mr. Weber:

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

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(s) 1138 of the Tax Law, a proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission may be instituted only under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law 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 Law Bureau - Litigation Unit Building #9, State Campus Albany, New York 12227 Phone # (518) 457-2070

Very truly yours,

STATE TAX COMMISSION

cc: Taxing Bureau's Representative

#### STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition

of

ALAN WEBER
Officer of QF CENTER, INC.

**DECISION** 

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, 1978 through October 30, 1979.

Petitioner, Alan Weber, Officer of QF Center, Inc., 148 Caesar Boulevard, Williamsville, New York 14221, filed a petition 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, 1978 through October 30, 1979 (File No. 38997).

A small claims hearing was held before Arthur Johnson, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, 65 Court Street, Buffalo, New York, on April 27, 1984 at 9:15 A.M. Petitioner appeared pro se. The Audit Division appeared by John P. Dugan, Esq. (Deborah Dwyer, Esq., of counsel).

# **ISSUE**

Whether petitioner, Alan Weber, was a person required to collect tax on behalf of QF Center, Inc. and was thus personally liable for sales tax unpaid by said corporation.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

1. In June 1977, petitioner, Alan Weber, invested \$15,000.00 in QF Center, Inc. (QF) which was engaged in the photofinishing business. For such investment petitioner was named president and was also issued 50 percent of the outstanding stock.

James Martin was vice-president and owned the remaining 50 percent of the stock.

- 2. Petitioner was a director of the corporation and had responsibility for the day-to-day management and financial affairs of the corporation. He signed checks and tax returns.
- 3. On December 20, 1981, the Audit Division issued a Notice of Determination and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes Due against petitioner, as officer of QF, covering the period June 1, 1978 through November 30, 1979 for taxes due of \$5,393.76, plus penalty and interest of \$3,255.65, for a total of \$8,649.41. QF filed sales tax returns for the above periods without remitting the taxes due shown thereon. Petitioner was aware that the taxes were not paid over with the returns.
- 4. Petitioner resigned from the office of president effective September 1, 1979. He continued his activities with QF, however, for thirty days thereafter in order to have an orderly transition of control to James Martin.
- 5. Petitioner argued that when the corporation ceased doing business, the value of the assets was sufficient to pay the sales tax liability and at that time such assets were under the control of James Martin.

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That section 1131(1) of the Tax Law provides:
  - "'Persons required to collect tax' or 'person required to collect any tax imposed by this article' shall include: every vendor of tangible personal property or services... Said terms shall also include any officer or employee of a corporation or of a dissolved corporation who as such officer or employee is under a duty to act for such corporation in complying with any requirement of this article and any member of a partnership."
- B. That the resolution of whether petitioner, Alan Weber, is a person required to collect tax turns upon a factual determination (Vogel v. Dept.

and the first of the second of

+ 1 Dec 21 22 1

The statement of the control of the

ga in elegentes de desarra mana mana mentra en el 10 entre la composition de la composition de la composition La composition de la La composition de la

e a la francisco que la selectro el estre potre pela como la figura de la figura de la pela de la como de estr En francisco de la grandia de la como de estre de la figura de la como de la grandia de la como de estre de la Albano de la como de la como de la como de la como de la grandia de la como de la grandia de la como del como de la como del como de la como dela como de la como dela como de la como de

# War to the same of the same of

, which is the property of the second of th

A STATE OF THE STA

A control of paterna and control of the control of

of Taxation and Finance, 913 Misc.2d 222; Chevlowe v. Koerner, 95 Misc.2d 388). Relevant factors in such a determination include, but are not limited to, the following: the person's day-to-day responsibilities in the corporation; his involvement in and knowledge of the financial affairs of the corporation and his authority to sign checks; and the identity of the person who prepared and signed tax returns.

- C. That petitioner was a person required to collect tax within the meaning and intent of section 1131(1) of the Tax Law for the period June 1, 1978 through September 30, 1979 and therefore has personal liability for the unpaid sales taxes due from QF Center, Inc. in accordance with section 1133(a) of the Tax Law.
- D. That petitioner bears no personal liability for sales taxes asserted for periods after September 30, 1979, the date he severed his relationship with QF Center, Inc.
- E. That the petition of Alan Weber is granted to the extent indicated in Conclusion of Law "D"; the Audit Division is hereby directed to modify the Notice of Determination and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes Due issued December 20, 1981; and except as so granted, the petition is in all other respects denied.

DATED: Albany, New York

DEC 14 1984

STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER