STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

NOTICE AND PARTICULARS

By Email: <u>Terminal110info@gmail.com</u>; <u>ktbracey0622@yahoo.com</u>;

In the matter of:

Kendrick Bracey, Permittee Terminal 110 240 Sargent Drive New Haven, CT 06511 Permit No. LIR.17689 Case No. 2023-26 Backer: Keys to the City LLC

PURSUANT TO CONN. GEN. STAT. § 30-43 AS AMENDED:

Pursuant to Chapter 545 generally and specifically Section 30-55 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended, you and a member of the backer limited liability company are hereby summoned to appear before the Department of Consumer Protection of the State of Connecticut, on the 4th day of January 2024 at 10:00 a.m., remotely through Microsoft Teams, then and there to answer to the complaint and charges of said Division, the particulars of which are as follows:

Incident 1. February 24, 2023.

Charge 1. New Applications. On or about February 24, 2023, you violated Sec. 30-6-A1(f) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which provides that a new application shall be filed whenever there is a change in ownership of the permit premises.... The backer or owner on the new application shall not exercise any ownership or dominion over such business until such time as such backer has been approved by the department...

As more particularly set forth:

On February 24, 2023, a liquor control agent discovered that Marquiese McDuffie-Bourroughs is member of the backer Keys to the City LLC. The department did not receive a new application concerning the change of ownership nor was the change approved by the department, as required.

Charge 2. Conduct of permit premises. On or about February 24, 2023, you violated Sec. 30-6-A24(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which provides that no disturbances, brawls, unlawful conduct or gambling of any kind except where provided by the general statutes, and no slot machines or gambling devices which may be used for the purpose of securing money or any other valuable things, shall be permitted or suffered upon any permit premises, nor shall such premises be conducted in such a manner as to constitute a nuisance.

As more particularly set forth:

On February 24, 2023, during an inspection of the permit premises, a liquor control agent found that hookah smoking has been allowed inside the permit premises. This was admitted to by Mr. McDuffie-Burroughs.

Charge 3. Restaurant Permit. On or about February 24, 2023, you violated Sec. 30-22(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes which defines "Restaurant" to mean a space that (1) is located in a suitable and permanent building, (2) is kept, used, maintained, advertised and held out to the public to be a place where hot meals are regularly served, (3) has no sleeping accommodations for the public, (4) has an adequate and sanitary kitchen and dining room, (5) employs at all times an adequate number of employees, and (6) if such space has no effective separation between a barroom and a dining room, includes at least four hundred square feet of dining space, and seating for at least twenty persons, in the dining room.

As more particularly set forth:

On February 24, 2023, during the inspection, a liquor control agent discovered that the permit premises is not open full time and that it currently only holding events due to lack of workers and customers. Because the premises is not being held out to the public to be place where hot meals are regularly served, it is not operating as a bona fide restaurant.

Incident 2. October 24, 2023

Charge 4. Restaurant Permit. On or about October 24, 2023, you violated Sec. 30-22(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes which defines "Restaurant" to mean a space that (1) is located in a suitable and permanent building, (2) is kept, used, maintained, advertised and held out to the public to be a place where hot meals are regularly served, (3) has no sleeping accommodations for the public, (4) has an adequate and sanitary kitchen and dining room, (5) employs at all times an adequate number of employees, and (6) if such space has no effective separation between a barroom and a dining room, includes at least four hundred square feet of dining space, and seating for at least twenty persons, in the dining room.

As more particularly set forth:

On October 24, 2023, during a subsequent investigation of the permit premises, the liquor control agent found that there was no restaurant menu on the permit premises' website. The "Lounge Menu" page was blank. There was an advertisement for "Taco and Tequila Thursday," and banquet food menu under "Catering Menu" and liquor bottle packages under "Bottle Menu." There were also advertisements for ticket sales for various events including an "Alter Ego Halloween Party" for people 25 years of age or older.

Charge 5. Conduct of permit premises. On or about October 24, 2023, you violated Sec. 30-6-A24(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which provides that no disturbances, brawls, unlawful conduct or gambling of any kind except where provided by the general statutes, and no slot machines or gambling devices which may be used for the

purpose of securing money or any other valuable things, shall be permitted or suffered upon any permit premises, nor shall such premises be conducted in such a manner as to constitute a nuisance.

As more particularly set forth:

On October 24, 2023, during the subsequent investigation, a liquor control agent found that hookah smoking was still being allowed inside the permit premises. Video evidence of consumers smoking hookah at the bar can be found on the permit premises' Instagram page which was dated September 3, 2023.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO APPEAR WHEN YOUR HEARING IS CALLED BY THE COMMISSION. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE DESIGNATED TIME MAY RESULT IN A DEFAULT. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW CAUSE, IF THERE BE ANY, WHY YOUR LIQUOR PERMIT SHOULD NOT BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED OR ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED PENALTY IMPOSED ON YOU.

This matter is being set down for a formal hearing following a compliance meeting held on July 11, 2023, and by decision by the full Commission.

If you have any questions, please contact Marion Slater of the Department of Consumer Protection's Legal Division by email <u>Marion.Slater@ct.gov</u>.

Dated this 15th day of November 2023.

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/s/ Scott P. Madeo

Scott P. Madeo Staff Attorney Legal Division