

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION**

NOTICE AND PARTICULARS

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In the matter of:

Genaro Morel, Permittee
Corner Grocery
195 Lloyd Street
New Haven, CT 06511

Permit No. LGB.0013273
Case No. x2024-306
Backer: Corner Grocery 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 **21st day of November 2024 at 10:30 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. July 30, 2024

Charge 1. Permittee's name sign. On or about July 30, 2024, you violated Sec. 30-6-A12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which provides that the name of the permittee or, in the case of permanent substitution, the name of the substitute permittee shall appear at all times on a sign adjacent to the main entrance to the permit premises in such a manner as to be plainly visible from the sidewalk or street adjacent thereto.

Charge 2. Permit to be recorded. On or about July 30, 2024, you violated Sec. 30-53 of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that each permit granted or renewed by the Department of Consumer Protection shall be of no effect until a duplicate thereof has been filed by the permittee with the town clerk of the town within which the club or place of business described in such permit is situated.

Charge 3. Displaying prices. On or about July 30, 2024, you violated Sec. 30-6-A40(i) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which provides that each retail licensee shall display on the shelf immediately beneath the merchandise offered for sale, in a conspicuous manner and legible to the public, the price of each container of alcoholic beverage, except malt beverages. The retail prices of all malt beverages shall be posted in a

conspicuous place on the permit premises, legible to the public, setting forth the unit and case price.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

On or about July 30, 2024, during an inspection at your establishment, liquor control agents noted that the permittee name sign was not posted near the main entrance, the liquor permit was not recorded by the city of New Haven, and prices were not posted adjacent to beer being sold from coolers within the premises.

Charge 4. Definition of a Grocery Store. On or about July 30, 2024, you violated Sec. 30-20(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that a grocery store beer permit may be granted to any grocery store and shall allow the retail sale of beer in standard size containers not to be consumed on the permit premises. The holder of a grocery store beer permit shall post, in a prominent location adjacent to the beer display, the retail price for each brand of beer and such retail price shall include all applicable federal and state taxes, including, but not limited to, the applicable state sales taxes. The annual fee for a grocery store beer permit shall be one hundred seventy dollars, or, for a grocery store that has annual sales of food and grocery items of at least two million dollars, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Charge 5. Purchase for Resale (936 Counts). On or about July 24, 2024, you violated Sec. 30-76 of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that no person holding a permit for the retail sale of alcoholic liquor shall purchase for resale alcoholic liquor except from a person holding a permit under the provisions of sections 30-16 and 30-17, provided any permittee going out of business may, upon application to and approval by the Department of Consumer Protection, sell all or part of his stock in trade to any permittee authorized by law to retail the kind of liquors so sold.

Charge 6. Restriction on Sales and Purchases by Permittees (936 Counts). On or about July 24, 2024, you violated Sec. 30-6-A41 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which provides that no permittee shall solicit or take from or give orders for alcoholic liquor to, or buy or receive from or sell or deliver alcoholic liquor to, any person or business entity with whom his permit does not empower him to deal. No permittee shall allow the use of his permit so as to aid or abet the commission of such transactions. The permit of any permittee violating the provisions of this regulation shall be liable to suspension or revocation.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

On July 30, 2024, during an inspection at your establishment, liquor control agents found a pack of Fireball Whiskey 50ml bottles (nips) and a large stash of small to mid-size liquor bottles of varying spirits. You would not disclose where you obtained the bottles of spirits and claimed that they were for your personal use. Nevertheless, the sheer number of bottles, as well as your unwillingness to explain from where you obtained them, provides the

Department with reasonable cause to conclude that you are selling spirits out of your establishment as untaxed items.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

On July 30, 2024, during an inspection at your establishment, liquor control agents found a large stash of unauthorized liquor bottles at your establishment which serves as evidence that liquor is being stored and sold out of your establishment as untaxed items.

Charge 7. Permittee Held Strictly Accountable. On or about July 30, 2024, you violated Sec. 30-6-A24(f) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which provides that a permittee shall be held strictly accountable for the conduct of his permit premises.

AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH:

On July 30, 2024, during an inspection at your establishment the liquor control agents found multiple violations for which you are being held responsible.

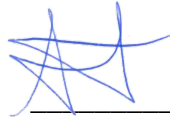
PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO APPEAR WHEN YOUR HEARING IS CALLED BY THE COMMISSION. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE DESIGNATED TIME MAY RESULT IN A DEFAULT. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW CAUSE, IF THERE BE ANY, WHY YOUR LIQUOR PERMIT SHOULD NOT BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED OR ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED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

This matter is being set down for a formal hearing following a compliance meeting held on October 8, 2024, by decision by the full Commission.

If you have any questions, please contact Anna C. Martinez of the Department of Consumer Protection's Legal Division by email Anna.Martinez@ct.gov

Dated this 17th day of October 2024.

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