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**DECISION OF THE BUSINESS INTEGRITY COMMISSION DENYING THE
APPLICATION OF ALANDALE LLC FOR A REGISTRATION AS A WHOLESALE
BUSINESS IN A PUBLIC WHOLESALE MARKET**

I. INTRODUCTION

On August 8, 2023, Alandale, LLC (“Alandale” or the “Applicant”) applied to the New York City Business Integrity Commission (the “Commission”) for a registration as a wholesaler in a public wholesale market (the “Instant Application”). Local Law 28 of 1997 authorizes the Commission to review and make determinations on such wholesale business registration applications. *See* Title 22, New York City Administrative Code (“Administrative Code” or “Admin. Code”) § 22-253.

The Commission’s review of a wholesale business registration application focuses on determining whether the applicant possesses business integrity, *i.e.*, good character, honesty and integrity. *See* Title 17, Rules of the City of New York (“RCNY”) §§ 12-18, 12-19 (prohibiting numerous types of conduct reflecting lack of business integrity, including violations of law, knowing association with organized crime figures, and false or misleading statements to the Commission); Admin. Code § 22-253(a)-(b) (empowering the Commission to issue and establish standards for the issuance and revocation of registrations); Admin. Code § 22-216(b)-(c) (authorizing the Commission to refuse to issue registrations to applicants lacking “good character, honesty and integrity”).

On November 24, 2025, the Commission staff issued and served on the Applicant a 10-page Notice to the Applicant of the Grounds to Deny the Application of Alandale LLC for a Registration as a Wholesale Business in a Public Wholesale Market (the “Notice of Denial”). The Applicant was given 10 business days to respond. The Applicant did not respond to the Notice of Denial.

The Commission’s staff has completed its review of the Instant Application. Based on the record in this matter, as detailed below, the Commission now denies the Instant Application based on the following independently sufficient grounds:

- 1. The Applicant is the successor company to Bus Tev, LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood, which the Commission previously found to lack good character, honesty, and integrity;**

2. **The Applicant's predecessor company has repeatedly engaged in unregistered activity; and**
3. **The Applicant provided false or misleading testimony to the Commission.**

II. BACKGROUND AND STATUTORY FRAMEWORK

Local Law 28 of 1997 ("Local Law 28") and the rules promulgated thereunder require that wholesale businesses located or operating within a public wholesale market register with the Commissioner of the Department of Small Business Services. See Admin. Code § 22-253; 66 RCNY §§ 1-12, -13; 17 RCNY §§ 11-02, -04. The duties of the Commissioner of the Department of Small Business Services were later transferred to the Commissioner of the Organized Crime Control Commission ("Commissioner"), pursuant to a charter revision provision approved by voters in November 2001. The Organized Crime Control Commission was subsequently renamed the Business Integrity Commission, pursuant to Local Law 21 of 2002

The Commission may refuse to register a wholesale business when it, or any of its principals, lacks good character, honesty, and integrity. See Admin. Code §§ 22-253(b), 22-259(b); New York City Charter §2101(a), (b). Administrative Code § 22-259(b) lists a number of factors that the Commission may consider in determining the fitness of an individual or a wholesale business. Among the factors that the Commission may consider in making a fitness determination are:

1. failure by such applicant to provide truthful information in connection with the application;
2. a pending indictment or criminal action against such applicant for a crime which under this subdivision would provide a basis for the refusal of such license, or photo identification card, or a pending civil or administrative proceeding to which such applicant is a party and which relates to the fitness to conduct the business or perform the work for which the license or photo identification is sought, in which cases the commissioner may defer consideration of a proposal or application until a decision has been reached by the court or administrative tribunal before which such action or proceeding is pending, unless such applicant demonstrated to the commissioner that such pending action or proceeding should not be the basis for deferral of the license or photo identification card or consideration of the proposal;
3. conviction of such applicant for a crime which, under article twenty-three-A of the correction law, would provide a basis for the denial of a license to conduct business in the market area;
4. commission of a racketeering activity or association with a person who has been convicted of a racketeering activity when the applicant knew or should have known of such conviction, including

but not limited to the offenses listed in subdivision one of section nineteen hundred sixty-one of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations statute (18 U.S.C. §1961 et seq.) or of an offense listed in subdivision one of section 460.10 of the penal law, as such statutes may be amended from time to time, or the equivalent offense under the laws of any other jurisdiction;

5. association with any member or associate of an organized crime group as identified by a federal, state or city law enforcement or investigative agency when the applicant knew or should have known of the organized crime associations of such person;

6. a principal of the applicant was a principal in a predecessor wholesale business or market business where the commissioner would be authorized to deny registration to such predecessor business;

7. failure to pay any tax, fine, penalty, or fee related to the applicant's business for which liability has been admitted by the person liable therefor, or for which judgment has been entered by a court or administrative tribunal of competent jurisdiction and enforcement of such judgment has not been stayed.

Admin. Code § 22-259(b).

Local Law 28 makes clear that the Commission is not limited to consideration of the enumerated factors. The list is illustrative, not exhaustive.

III. FACTS

The Predecessor Business

The evidence establishes that the Applicant was created to be a successor or alter ego of Bus-Tev, LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood ("Bus-Tev"), which was previously denied a registration by the Commission. Throughout the application process, the Applicant has failed in testimony and in numerous written submissions to provide clear information about who is and who is not a principal of Alandale. As set forth below, this unwillingness to provide truthful information to the Commission was no doubt an effort to prevent the Commission from discovering that that Alandale is simply the successor company, or alter ego of Bus-Tev, LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood, a company that the Commission previously found to lack good character, honesty and integrity. In denying Bus-Tev, LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood's registration application in 2012, the Commission also specifically found that its principal, Eric Tevrow, lacked good character, honesty and integrity, and denied his photo identification card application.¹ The history of Bus-Tev, LLC and Eric Tevrow follows.

¹ On June 20, 2011, Tevrow filed an application for a photo identification card with the Commission. This application was in connection to Tevrow's supposed employment as a "Production Supervisor" for Alaskan Feast, Inc., a

In 2011, Bus-Tev, LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood filed an application with the Commission for a registration as a seafood wholesaler in the Fulton Fish Market. *See* February 7, 2012 Decision of the Business Integrity Commission Denying the Registration Application of Bus-Tev LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood for Registration as a Wholesale Seafood Business at the New York City New Fulton Fish Market at Hunts Point and Denying the Application of Eric Tevrow for a Photo Identification Card (“Bus-Tev Denial Decision”). On February 7, 2012, the Commission found that Bus-Tev LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood and Eric Tevrow lacked good character, honesty and integrity, and denied the Bus-Tev application based on the following independently sufficient grounds:

1. [Bus-Tev] engaged in unregistered activity at the Fulton Fish Market;²
2. [Bus-Tev’s] principal, Eric Tevrow, submitted false and misleading information to the Commission;³
3. The principal of [Bus-Tev], Eric Tevrow was convicted of one count of Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a class C felony and one count of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a class D felony;⁴ and

wholesaler in the Fulton Fish Market. However, the Commission was not able to find any evidence that Tevrow was ever employed by Alaskan Feast, Inc. Moreover, Tevrow’s other submissions to the Commission at the time of the 2011 Bus-Tev, LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood registration application did not indicate that he was ever employed by Alaskan Feast, Inc. *See* Bus-Tev Denial Decision.

² The Commission found that Bus-Tev’s “open and notorious operation of an unregistered seafood wholesale business at the Fulton Fish Market for 14 months is the very conduct Local Law 50 was enacted to protect against. Local Law 50 unambiguously requires wholesalers to register with the City and allows wholesalers to sublease or assign their premises only to other wholesalers who are also registered with the Commission. This regulatory scheme was aimed at eliminating fraudulent business practices “such as the creation of ‘phantom wholesalers’ whose businesses disappear from the market before payment can be obtained from them for seafood they have received from suppliers...” *See* Admin. Code §22-201. Public confidence in the integrity of the Market would be undermined if those proven to have ignored the law receive registrations from the Commission, whose governing law and regulations they have persistently violated. By continuing to operate in violation of market rules and regulations, Bus-Tev has demonstrated the lack of good character, honesty and integrity necessary to operate such a business.” *See* Bus-Tev Denial Decision.

³ The Commission found that “Tevrow’s inability or unwillingness to deal honestly with the Commission [with regard to his employment history] demonstrates Tevrow’s lack of the requisite good character, honesty and integrity to operate a business regulated by the Commission.” *See* Bus-Tev Denial Decision.

⁴ The Commission found that “on December 7, 2007, Tevrow pleaded guilty in New York County Supreme Court, Criminal Term to one count of Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a class C felony, and one count of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a class D felony, for failing to pay \$1,113,071 in sales and payroll taxes to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance between 2002 through 2007 when he was the owner of three seafood restaurants. *See* Plea Agreement dated December 7, 2007. Tevrow was sentenced to a conditional discharge for the Grand Larceny in the Second Degree charge and four months imprisonment for the Grand Larceny in the Third Degree charge. As a condition of his plea, Tevrow also agreed to repay the sales tax owed in the amount of \$979,759, and the payroll tax owed in the amount of \$133,312 in accordance with a payment schedule arranged with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. *See* Plea Agreement. As part of his Plea Agreement, Tevrow agreed to arrange for a payment schedule with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance within three months of his release from prison. *See Id.* The crimes charged against Tevrow and those to which he pleaded guilty are so closely related to both the purposes for which registration is sought and the duties and responsibilities associated with such registration, that they should preclude the grant of a wholesaler registration to [Bus-Tev]. Notably, the tax fraud stemmed from the ownership and operation of his seafood restaurants casting doubt on [Tevrow’s] ability to operate his own business in the Fulton Fish Market responsibly. *See* N.Y. Correct. Law §753 (1)(b). Moreover, the crimes committed by Tevrow

4. The principal of [Bus-Tev], Eric Tevrow, has had numerous judgments and liens filed against him by several government entities, and has failed to abide by the terms of his restitution agreement.⁵

See Bus-Tev Denial Decision.

On or about July 14, 2022, a member of the Commission's staff observed Bus-Tev operating a wholesale seafood business without a Commission issued registration at 529B Worthen Street, Bronx, NY 10474. Consequently, the Commission issued a Notice of Violation against Bus-Tev for unregistered operation of a wholesale market business. See Summons Number: 0205 921 632. This Notice of Violation was sustained by a Hearing Officer of the New York City Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings. See Recommended Decision of Hearing Officer Keith Ludwiczak dated April 28, 2023.

On or about May 4, 2022, Bus-Tev, LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood filed an application for a registration to operate a wholesale market business with the Commission. See Public Wholesale Markets Wholesale Seafood Business Registration Application of Bus-Tev, LLC d/b/a Early Morning Seafood, dated April 27, 2022 ("2022 Bus-Tev Application"). Bus-Tev provided identical addresses, telephone numbers, fax numbers, the agent for service of process, website addresses and email addresses as the Applicant provided to the Commission: "529 A and B Worthen Street, Bronx, NY 10474" as its main office address; "PO Box 410, Lebanon, NJ 08833" as its mailing address; (908) 689-6818 as its telephone number; (908) 840-4839 as its fax number; Robert Costello of Davidoff Hutcher & Citron, LLP as its agent for service of process, www.earlymorningseafood.com as its website address, and earlymorningseafood@yahoo.com as its email address. See Instant Application. See also 2022 Bus-Tev Application. Bus-Tev LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood disclosed thirteen (13) employees and eleven (11) vehicles. See 2022 Bus-Tev Application. The Applicant disclosed eleven (11) employees and nine (9) vehicles. See Instant Application. Eight (8) of the employees disclosed by the Applicant were also disclosed by Bus-Tev LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood and Eight (8) of the vehicles were disclosed on both applications. See Instant Application. See also 2022 Bus-Tev Application. Notably, Bus-Tev, LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood disclosed Angelo Ruvio as one of its employees. See Id.

After the Commission's staff demanded information and documentation about outstanding judgments and liens that exceeded three million dollars from Bus-Tev, LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood, Bus-Tev, LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood responded by asking to withdraw its application instead of providing information and documentation about the resolution of the judgments and liens. See Correspondence between Bus-Tev and Commission Staff Member. On September 8, 2023, the Commission withdrew the Bus-Tev, LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood application.

in the 2000s relate directly to the payment of debts - in this case tax debts - which has been a problematic issue in the public wholesale markets. See generally the Legislative Findings in Local Law 50 of 1995. Thus, the charges against Tevrow are antithetical to the very purpose of Local Law 50." See Bus-Tev Denial Decision.

⁵The Commission found that at the time of the Denial Decision in 2012, judgments and liens filed against Tevrow totaled \$3,070,724.00. These judgments and liens included the tax liabilities that were the basis for Tevrow's criminal conviction." See Bus-Tev Denial Decision.

The Applicant Business

Approximately one month after Bus-Tev, LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood requested to withdraw its application, on August 8, 2023, the Applicant filed the Instant Application. On the Instant Application, the Applicant disclosed Angelo Ruvio (“Ruvio”) and Danielle Ruvio as its only principals. *See* Instant Application. Much of the information provided in the Instant Application is identical to the information provided on the Bus-Tev, LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood Application: the main address; the mailing address; the telephone numbers; the fax numbers; the agent for service of process; the website address; the email address; nine (9) employees (including Ruvio), and eight (8) trucks. *See* Instant Application. *See also* 2022 Bus-Tev Application. Finally, the Applicant disclosed that its trade name is “Early Morning Seafood.” *See* Instant Application. One notable difference between the Instant Application and the Bus-Tev, LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood Application is that Eric Tevrow’s name does not appear anywhere in the Instant Application. *See* Instant Application.

On July 31, 2024, Angelo Ruvio provided sworn testimony to the Commission. *See* Ruvio Transcript. Ruvio testified that he is currently employed as a manager of Bus-Tev, LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood. *Id.* at 10 and 31. Ruvio testified that Bus-Tev is owned by Eric Tevrow and Tevrow’s wife, Patricia.⁶ *Id.* Ruvio stated that he does not have an official title with Early Morning Seafood, but that he oversees “all operations” including invoicing, and “making customers happy.” *Id.* at 11-12. Ruvio explained that the Applicant was formed so that he could take over the operations of Early Morning Seafood. *Id.* Ruvio testified that he and Tevrow currently work together for Bus-Tev, LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood. *Id.* at 32. Ruvio admitted that Tevrow is involved in the operations of the business and that he controls the finances of the Applicant. *Id.* at 33.

On December 6, 2024, the Commission’s staff sent the Applicant a letter to demand information and/or documentation regarding the transfer and/or sale of the assets of Bus-Tev, LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood. *See* Correspondence from Commission’s Staff to Applicant. Documentation regarding the formation and incorporation of PGET was similarly requested from the Applicant. *See* Letter to Applicant dated December 6, 2024: On December 18, 2024, the Applicant responded by denying that documentation regarding the transfer and/or sale exists. *See* December 18, 2024 Email from Ruvio to the Commission’s staff. While the Applicant denied the existence of any documentation regarding the transfer and/or sale, the Applicant provided the Commission’s staff with a memorandum regarding the proposed transaction. *See* Memorandum A. The Memorandum stated that Ruvio would acquire customer receivables and assume trade payables. *See Id.* Ruvio would also assume all equipment leases and other asset payables along

⁶ Apart from Bus-Tev, Ruvio is also financially connected to Tevrow through their shared ownership of PGET, LLC (“PGET”). According to Ruvio, PGET is a corporation that Tevrow formed that owns a commercial building in New Jersey. Ruvio explained that Tevrow provided Ruvio with a 10% interest in PGET as a bonus. *See* Ruvio Transcript at 65-69.

with all payroll and administrative expenses and related costs. *See Id.* The Memo further stated that:

At the time of acquisition, inventory, bank balances, accounts receivable, and accounts payable will be calculated and any surplus will be paid to Eric Tevrow over a period of time to be determined.

See Id. Ruvio's email added further that Tevrow "will not continue to have any employment other than a 60-day period during the transition". *See* December 18, 2024 Email from Ruvio to the Commission's staff. Thus, Tevrow, who the Commission previously found to lack good character, honesty and integrity, was involved in the operations of the Applicant business; is involved in the operations of the Applicant business; and intends to continue to be involved in the operations of the Applicant business for at least 60 days. Furthermore, Tevrow would stand to benefit financially from the Applicant business for an unlimited period of time and sum of money.

IV. BASIS FOR DENIAL

1. The Applicant is the successor company to Bus Tev, LLC, d/b/a Early Morning Seafood, which the Commission previously found to lack good character, honesty, and integrity.

As outlined above, the evidence establishes that the Applicant is a successor business to Bus-Tev, a company whose application was previously denied by the Commission. The Applicant and Bus-Tev share a litany of similarities, including trade name, facility location, phone numbers, website, and agent of service. Additionally, eight (8) of Applicant's disclosed employees, plus Ruvio himself, and eight of the Applicant's vehicles were similarly disclosed by Bus-Tev in its 2022 registration application.

The details of Applicant's formation also support a finding that it is a successor to Bus-Tev. Alandale, LLC was incorporated on June 13, 2023, just five (5) days after Bus-Tev's attorney first indicated to the Commission that Bus-Tev may seek to withdraw its 2022 registration application.⁷ The Applicant then filed the Instant Application on August 8, 2023, approximately one (1) month later. *See* Instant Application. *See also* Email Correspondence between the Commission and Bus-Tev.

Finally, despite Ruvio's testimony that Tevrow would not be involved in the operation of the Applicant business and that Tevrow would receive no compensation from the Applicant, documentary evidence provided by The Applicant entirely contradicts these assertions. *See* Ruvio Transcript at 56-57. *See also* Memorandum A and December 18, 2024 Email from Ruvio to the Commission's staff. Documentary evidence from the Applicant outlined that at the time of the acquisition, "inventory, bank balances, accounts receivable, and accounts payable will be calculated and any surplus will be paid to Eric Tevrow." *See* Memorandum A. According to the Memo provided by the Applicant, there would be no limits to the amount of money paid to Tevrow

⁷ This first request for withdrawal by Bus-Tev was submitted as a response to a follow-up demand by the Commission for proof of resolution of numerous outstanding tax liens and judgments. *See* Email Correspondence between the Commission and Bus-Tev.

and no established end to such payments. Furthermore, Ruvio stated that Tevrow would be employed by the Applicant for a 60-day period during the transition. *See* December 18, 2024 Email from Ruvio to the Commission's staff. Tevrow's employment by Applicant and unlimited surplus payments clearly establish that the Applicant is a successor to Bus-Tev.

Because the Applicant is a successor to Bus-Tev, the Commission's finding of a lack of good character, honesty and integrity regarding Bus-Tev are applicable to the Applicant as well. Therefore, the Commission should deny the Instant Application on this independently sufficient ground.

2. The Applicant's predecessor company has repeatedly engaged in unregistered activity.

As described above, Bus-Tev, Ruvio's current employer, has been engaging in unregistered activity since at least February 2013. Ruvio testified that he started working for Bus-Tev in February 2013 and the company was operating as a wholesale fish distributor since that time. *See* Interview Transcript. Commission investigators issued an administrative violation for unregistered activity on July 14, 2022. That administrative violation was sustained by an administrative law judge and a \$1,000.00 was paid by the Applicant for this infraction.

The Commission may refuse to register a wholesale business when it or any of its principals lacks good character, honesty, and integrity. *See* Administrative Code §22-259(b) ("the commissioner may consider, but not be limited to" the listed factors when determining good character, honesty, and integrity). Here, Ruvio's longstanding position as a principal of Bus-Tev, and his pattern of illegally operating a wholesale market business without a registration, demonstrates a lack of good character, honesty, and integrity that warrants denial of an application to conduct business in the New York City public wholesale food markets. Therefore, the Commission should deny the Instant Application on this independently sufficient ground.

3. The Applicant provided false or misleading testimony to the Commission.

The Commission may refuse to issue a registration to an applicant who has failed "to provide truthful information in connection with the application." *See* Administrative Code §22-259(b)(i).

During Ruvio's sworn testimony, several questions were asked regarding the role of Tevrow in the Applicant's business:

Q: Would Mr. Tevrow stay on in some employment capacity?

A: I don't believe so, no.

Q: Would he [Tevrow] be entitled to any shares or profits from the company [Alandale]?

A: No.

See Sworn Interview Transcript at 38

Q: Would there come a time where Mr. Tevrow would not be involved with the work of Early Morning Seafood?

A: Yeah, once we're approved and can operate.

Q: ... Upon taking over the name of the company, plus vehicles possibly, employees, customer lists and registry, Mr. Tevrow would have zero influence over Early Morning Seafood?

A: That is correct.

Q: And he [Tevrow] would do that for zero compensation?

A: That's correct.

Q: He would not receive any salary from either Alandale, LLC or Early Morning Seafood?

A: That's correct.

Q: Would Bus-Tev or any principals or owners of Bus-Tev, apart from Mr. Tevrow, have any influence over Alandale, LLC d/b/a Early Morning Seafood?

A: No.

Q: Would there be any regular payments or profit sharing with Bus-Tev, either the company itself or any owners of Bus-Tev?

A: No.

See Id. at 56-57.

Throughout his testimony, Ruvio consistently outlined an arrangement whereby the Applicant would take over the name, customer list, facility lease, and likely the employees, vehicles, and equipment from Bus-Tev without the exchange of any compensation. *See Id.* However, when the Commission demanded documentation regarding any potential arrangement, the Applicant provided an email response and Memorandum A, which substantively contradict Ruvio's sworn testimony.

In his email dated December 18, 2024, Ruvio explained that Mr. Tevrow "will not continue to have any employment other than a 60-day period during the transition." However, as outlined above, Ruvio plainly asserted that Tevrow would not stay on in any employment capacity. Furthermore, in Memorandum A, from Ruvio's attorney to Ruvio regarding the business

arrangement whereby the Applicant would be the “purchaser/successor” of the Early Morning trade name, it is outlined that “At the time of acquisition, inventory, bank balances, accounts receivable, and accounts payable will be calculated and any surplus will be paid to Eric Tevrow over a period of time to be determined.” This undefined monetary arrangement similarly contradicts Ruvio’s sworn testimony that Bus-Tev and Tevrow would not receive compensation pursuant to the business arrangement.

The Applicant’s failure to provide truthful and non-misleading information to the Commission regarding Tevrow’s involvement establishes that the Applicant lacks good character, honesty, and integrity. Therefore, the Commission should deny the Instant Application based on this independently sufficient ground.

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V. CONCLUSION

The Commission is vested with broad discretion to refuse to issue a registration to any applicant it determines lacks good character, honesty and integrity. The record detailed herein demonstrates that the Applicant lacks those essential qualities. Accordingly, based on the grounds set forth above, the Commission denies the Instant Application.

The registration denial is effective immediately. Alandale, LLC may not operate as a wholesale business in a public wholesale market, including the Adjacent Area next to the Hunts Point Market.

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