

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 95 Fourth Street, Suite 3 Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150-2358

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### **DECISION**

COUNTRY CORNER CITGO INC. D/B/A COUNTRY CORNER 118 WEST MAIN STREET WEST BROOKFIELD, MA 01585 LICENSE#: 00008-PK-1368

VIOLATION DATE: 6/08/2022

HEARD: 9/20/2022

Country Corner Citgo Inc. d/b/a Country Corner ("Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 15. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("ABCC" or "Commission") held a remote hearing via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34 Sale or Delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one years of age. Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigator Keefe's Compliance Check Field Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Keefe's Minimum Purchase Age Compliance Check Field Report;
- 2. ABCC Transfer of License Approval, 2/19/1993;
- 3. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.

There is one (1) audio recording of this hearing.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. On Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at approximately 6:35 p.m., Investigator Keefe ("Investigators"), inspected the business operation of Country Corner Citgo Inc. d/b/a Country Corner.
- 2. An underage operative, working under the supervision of the Investigator, purchased an alcoholic beverage, one 24-ounce can of Bud Light beer for three dollars (\$3.00). The underage operative was not asked for identification.
- 3. Timothy Reeves, Vice President of the Licensee Corporation and Manager of Record, appeared at the Commission hearing along with Erin Murray, a supervisor. Mr. Reeves testified employees are trained when they are initially hired, and all have been re-trained following the compliance check. He also stated that managers have been enrolled in an alcohol management training course.

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#### **CONCLUSION**

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds the Licensee violated 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34 Sale or Delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one years of age. Therefore, the Commission issues a **WARNING.** 

### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Deborah A. Baglio, Commissioner

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman

Crystal Matthews, Commissioner

Dated: October 12, 2022

You have the right to appeal this decision to the Superior Courts under the provisions of Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws within thirty (30) days of receipt of this decision.

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