RESOLUTION 2022-83

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PAYMENT OF \$300.00 and \$1500.00 CIVIL PENALTIES FROM KUM & GO #254.

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2022, an employee/agent of Kum & Go #254, 620 S. Downey Street, West Branch, Iowa, violated Iowa Code § 453A.2(1) by selling or providing tobacco to a minor; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2022, an employee/agent of Kum & Go #254, 620 S. Downey Street, West Branch, Iowa, violated Iowa Code Section 453A.2(1) by selling or providing tobacco to a minor; and

WHEREAS, at the time of these violations, Kum & Go #254. was operating under a retail cigarette permit issued by the City of West Branch; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code § 453A.22(2), an establishment which holds a retail cigarette permit is subject to a civil penalty of \$300.00 fine for a first violation and a \$1500.00 fine or 30-day permit suspension for a second violation as a result of its employee violating Iowa Code § 453A.2(1), in three (3) years, after a hearing and proper notice; and

WHEREAS, Kum & Go #254, has waived its right to the hearing required by Iowa Code § 453A.22(2) and accepted responsibility for its employee's violation of Iowa Code § 453A.2(1), by paying a \$300.00 civil penalty for the January 29, 2022 violation, and \$1500.00 civil penalty for the April 23, 2022 violation, to the City Clerk of the City of West Branch; and

WHEREAS, the violation underlying the above civil penalties represent the first and second violation by an employee of Kum & Go #254 within a three-year period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL that the City Council should accept the waiver of right to hearing and payment of \$300.00 civil penalty for the January 29, 2022 violation and the \$1500.00 civil penalty for the April 23, 2022 violation, on behalf of Kum & Go #254.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk will forward a copy of this Resolution to the Iowa Attorney General's Office.

Passed and approved this 6th day of September, 2022.

Roger Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie Brick, City Clerk

BEFORE THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL

In re Cigarette Permit of KUM & GO #254

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- 1. The undersigned hereby knowingly and voluntarily acknowledges the following:
 - a. The Retailer/Cigarette Permit Holder (collectively the "Permit Holder" has been notified that a violation of Section 453A.2 occurred at the Retailer on January 29, 2022.
 - b. That Permit Holder has the right to a hearing and voluntarily waives the same and submits to the statutory penalties prescribed by Iowa law.
 - c. That employee Alyssa Collins, sold tobacco products to a minor on January 29, 2022, in violation of Section 453A.2 of the Code of Iowa.
 - d. That the violation outlined in subparagraph (c) above will count at the 1st violation of Iowa Code Section 453A.2, the previous violations occurring as outlined in subparagraph (b) above.
 - e. To settle the above-referenced matter, enclosed with this executed Acknowledgement/Settlement Agreement is a check in the amount of \$300.00 made payable to the City of West Branch, Iowa.
 - f. That Permit Holder acknowledges that in order to conclude this matter, the City Council must approve this Acknowledgment/Settlement Agreement.

Dated this 31 day of August, 2022.

PERMIT HOLDER:

Print name and title

NOTE: This must be executed by the individual of the business entity that has authority to bind the business entity.

If you decide to execute and date this Acknowledgement/Settlement Agreement and waive your appearance at a hearing, this document, property executed, and dated, as well as a check in the amount of \$300.00 made payable to the City of West Branch, Iowa, must be returned to the following:

City of West Branch, Iowa 110 N. Poplar Street West Branch, Iowa 52358 ATTN: City Clerk

BEFORE THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- 1. The undersigned hereby knowingly and voluntarily acknowledges the following:
 - a. The Retailer/Cigarette Permit Holder (collectively the "Permit Holder" has been notified that a violation of Section 453A.2 occurred at the Retailer on April 23, 2022.
 - b. That Permit Holder has the right to a hearing and voluntarily waives the same and submits to the statutory penalties prescribed by Iowa law.
 - c. That employee Jeffrey Tunnell, Jr., sold tobacco products to a minor on April 23, 2022, in violation of Section 453A.2 of the Code of Iowa.
 - d. That the violation outlined in subparagraph (c) above will count at the 2nd violation of Iowa Code Section 453A.2, the previous violation occurring on January 29, 2022.
 - e. To settle the above-referenced matter, enclosed with this executed Acknowledgement/Settlement Agreement is a check in the amount of \$1,500.00 made payable to the City of West Branch, Iowa.

OR

Accept a 30-day suspension of your permit.

(Please strike through the option you are not choosing)

f. That Permit Holder acknowledges that in order to conclude this matter, the City Council must approve this Acknowledgment/Settlement Agreement.

Dated this 31 day of August, 2022.

PERMIT HOLDER:

by. 204 (1)

Print name and title

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OR

In lieu of payment of the \$1,500.00 fine, accept the 30-day suspension of your retail permit. If you choose that action, please present your permit to the City Clerk to start the 30-day suspension.