

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION
PASTORE COMPLEX
1511 PONTIAC AVENUE
CRANSTON, RHODE ISLAND**

Bruce Coppola,	:	
Appellant,	:	
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v.	:	DBR No.: 14LQ007
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The City of Providence Board of Licenses,	:	
Appellee.	:	

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

On or about February 28, 2014, Bruce Coppola (“Appellant”) filed an appeal with the Department of Business Regulation (“Department”) appealing a decision by the Providence Board of Licenses (“Board”) to revoke the Class C liquor license (“License”) of Team Marasco, Inc. d/b/a Louies Tavern located at 597 Douglas Avenue, Providence, RI. The Appellant’s appeal letter stated that he held a security interest in Team Marasco’s liquor license. On or about April 3, 2014, the undersigned was appointed substitute Hearing Officer in this matter. By letter dated April 7, 2014, the undersigned wrote to the parties to clarify the Appellant’s status as to the License. To date, no reply has been received from the Appellant.

Therefore, based on the appeal letter, the Appellant’s basis for appeal is his security interest in the License and he does not hold the License.

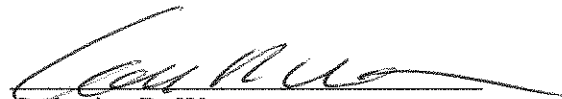
The Department has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 3-2-1 *et seq.*, R. I. Gen. Laws § 42-14-1 *et seq.*, and R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-1 *et seq.*

R.I. Gen. Laws § 3-7-21 either allows licensees, license applicants, or those granted standing by statute to appeal to the Department. A holder of a security interest does not have a right of appeal. See *Vars v. Citrin*, 470 F.3d 413 (1st Cir. (R.I.) 2006); *Jake and Ella's*, 2002 WL977812 (R.I. Super.) (to find holders of security interests have appeal rights would unduly burden local boards who are charged with regulating the activities of licenseholders). Indeed, the Department has previously found that a liquor license will not be kept alive to satisfy a secured party. See *Shobar, LLC v. Providence Board of Licenses*, DBR No. 07-L-0013 (8/22/08).

Based on the forgoing, the Appellant's appeal is dismissed.

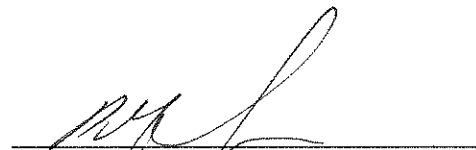
As recommended by:

Date: MAY 21, 2014


Catherine R. Warren
Hearing Officer

I have read the Hearing Officer's recommendation and I hereby ADOPT/REJECT the recommendation of the Hearing Officer in the above-entitled Order of Dismissal.

Date: 23 May 2014


Paul McGreevy
Director

Entered as an Administrative Order No.: 14- 27 this 23rd day of May, 2014.

NOTICE OF APPELLATE RIGHTS

THIS DECISION CONSTITUTES A FINAL ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION PURSUANT TO R.I. GEN. LAWS § 42-35-12. PURSUANT TO R.I. GEN. LAWS § 42-35-15, THIS ORDER MAY BE APPEALED TO THE SUPERIOR COURT SITTING IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS DECISION. SUCH APPEAL, IF TAKEN, MUST BE COMPLETED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW IN SUPERIOR COURT. THE FILING OF THE COMPLAINT DOES NOT ITSELF STAY ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDER. THE AGENCY MAY GRANT, OR THE REVIEWING COURT MAY ORDER, A STAY UPON THE APPROPRIATE TERMS.

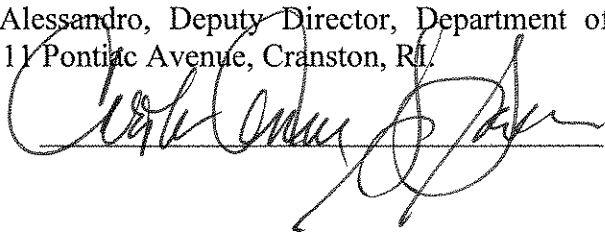
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify on this 23rd day of May, 2014 that a copy of the within Order and Notice of Appellate Rights was sent by first class mail, postage prepaid to -

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North Kingstown, RI 02852

Sergio Spaziano, Esquire
Providence City Solicitor's Office
Joseph A. Doorley, Jr. Municipal Building
444 Westminster Street, Suite 220
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

and by electronic-delivery to Maria D'Alessandro, Deputy Director, Department of Business Regulation, Pastore Complex, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Andrew J. DeLuca", is written over a horizontal line.