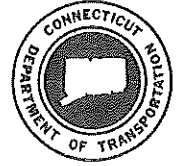




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 1611-AV-128-T

RE: APPLICATION OF SHORELINE TAXI, LLC TO OPERATE TWO (2) MOTOR VEHICLES
IN TAXICAB SERVICE WITHIN AND TO AND FROM THE TOWNS OF GUILFORD AND
MADISON.

DECISION

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Applicant's Proposal

By application filed on November 10, 2016, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-97 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Shoreline Taxi, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 2351 Boston Post Road, Guilford, Connecticut 06437 seeks authorization to operate two (2) motor vehicles in taxicab service within and to and from the towns of Guilford and Madison.

B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Section 13b-97(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held at the Department of Transportation in Newington, Connecticut on February 16, 2017.

Notice of the application and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the applicant and to such other parties as required by Section 13b-97(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. Legal notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website.

The hearing on this matter was conducted by a hearing officer, designated by the Commissioner of Transportation, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-17.

C. Appearances

Mr. Richard Ficorilli appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 2351 Boston Post Road, Guilford, Connecticut 06437.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant is seeking to operate two (2) motor vehicles in taxicab service within and to and from the towns of Guilford and Madison. He also has the authority to operate two taxicabs within and to and from Guilford, Madison and Clinton for the past six years.

2. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$7,864, repairs of \$1,000, \$277 for property tax and \$300 for the taxi conversion costs for a total expense of \$9,441.

3. The applicant has \$16,984 in a Webster bank account.

4. Mr. Ficorilli operates livery vehicles under his other company called Kaybella Transportation.

5. Shoreline Taxi has increasing call volume which would warrant the additional two (2) taxicabs.

6. The applicant will operate a 2010 Mazda Five and a 2010 Toyota Camry both of which are paid for.

7. There is only one other taxicab in Guilford and the applicant is the sole taxicab operator in Madison with his two vehicles.

8. All of the applicant's drivers are employees.

9. The applicant has several part time drivers who want to drive full time.

10. The applicant is performing an increasing amount of trips to Bradley Airport with his taxicabs which takes them out of service for several hours at a time.

11. The applicant currently performs sixteen (16) to twenty (20) private pay trips a day with his taxis but he could do more trips with the call volume he gets.

12. If one of the applicant's taxicabs is out of service, he will be unable to handle the taxicab requests he gets.

13. There was no opposition to this application.

III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over common carriers, which include each person, association, limited liability company or corporation owning or operating a taxicab in the State of Connecticut in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-96, as amended. The Department is authorized to prescribe regulations with respect to fares, service, operation and equipment, as it deems necessary for the convenience, protection and safety of the passengers and the public.

Pursuant to Section 13b-97(a), as amended, any person who applies for authority to operate a taxicab shall obtain from the Department a certificate of public convenience and necessity certifying that the public's convenience and necessity requires the operation of a taxicab or taxicabs for the transportation of passengers. No certificate shall be issued unless the department finds that the person is suitable to operate a taxicab service. In so doing, the department must take into consideration any convictions of the applicant under federal, state or local laws relative to safety, motor vehicle or criminal violations, the number of taxicabs to be operated under the certificate, the adequacy of the applicant's financial resources to operate the service, the adequacy of insurance coverage and safety equipment and the availability of qualified operators.

With regard to suitability, the applicant submitted State Police Bureau of Identification Criminal History Form for Richard Ficorilli which showed no convictions. Mr. Ficorilli has years of experience owning both a taxicab and a livery company thereby allowing him to be able to effectively operate this expansion of his taxicab service. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has proven suitability.

As far as the applicant's financial suitability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence that the applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$7,864, repairs of \$1,000, \$277 for property tax and \$300 for the taxi conversion costs for a total expense of \$9,441. The applicant has \$16,984 in a Webster bank account which is a sufficient asset to cover the initial start-up costs.

With regard to qualified drivers, the applicant has several part time drivers who want to drive for the company full time. The applicant hires employees and will be able to find drivers for these two (2) vehicles.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant presented evidence that he is the only taxicab operator in the town of Madison and only one (1) other taxicab license exists in Guilford besides the two (2) taxicabs he operates. Therefore, it is very important to the public that the applicant has an adequate number of vehicles to handle the calls since there is essentially no one else performing the service.

In addition, the applicant is concerned with vehicle breakdowns and his ability to work effectively if a vehicle is out of commission. Likewise, a long taxicab trip to Bradley will reduce his ability to cover the local call volume he receives. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has shown that public convenience and necessity would be improved by a grant of additional authority.

IV. CONCLUSION

Therefore, based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-97, as amended, the application of Shoreline Taxi, LLC is hereby granted and Certificate 1230 is reissued as follows:

CERTIFICATE NUMBER 1230 **FOR THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN TAXICAB SERVICE**

Shoreline Taxi, LLC is hereby permitted and authorized to operate two (2) motor vehicles in taxicab service within and to and from Clinton, Guilford and Madison.

Shoreline Taxi, LLC is also hereby permitted and authorized to operate two (2) motor vehicles in taxicab service within and to and from Guilford and Madison.

RESTRICTIONS:

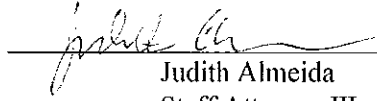
The applicant must register the two (2) vehicles granted under this certificate within sixty (60) days from the date of this decision.

This certificate may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational, i.e., its vehicles registered with taxicab plates thereunder, for not less than twenty-four (24) consecutive months. This certificate is transferable only with the approval of the department.

This certificate shall remain in effect until it is amended, suspended, or revoked by the department. Failure of the certificate holder to maintain proper insurance and/or to comply with all pertinent motor vehicle laws and other State statutes and/or the rules, regulations and orders of the department, as this department may from time to time prescribe, shall be considered sufficient cause to amend, suspend or revoke this certificate.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 21st day of February 2017.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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