

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 1703-N-20-HHG

RE: APPLICATION OF SHLEPPERS HOLDINGS, LLC DBA SHLEPPERS MOVING & STORAGE TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR HIRE, AS A HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIER, OVER IRREGULAR ROUTES BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT UPON CALLS RECEIVED FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN BRIDGEPORT.

FINAL DECISION

JUNE 27, 2017

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Applicant's Proposal

By application filed on March 9, 2017, pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and assigned Docket No. 1703-N-20-HHG, Shleppers Holdings, LLC dba Shleppers Moving & Storage (hereinafter "applicant"), with a mailing address of 920 East 149th Street, Bronx, NY 10455 seeks authorization from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department") to operate motor vehicles in the transportation of household goods for hire, as a household goods carrier, over irregular routes between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in Bridgeport.

B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-390, a hearing on this application was held at the administrative office of the Department, in Newington, Connecticut, on June 22, 2017.

Notice of the application and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the applicant and to other parties as required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-390. Notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website.

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

C. Appearances

Raz Itzhaki and Eyal Golan appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 920 East 149th Street, Bronx, NY 10455.

II. FINDING OF FACT

- 1. The applicant is a moving company from New York that has been in business doing commercial and residential moves for the past 40 years with 30 trucks and 150 employees.
- 2. The applicant seeks to start a moving company in Connecticut with a 20 foot box truck and may expand into a four truck operation.
- 3. Immediately following the hearing the applicant submitted a trade name certificate which is incorporated into this decision.
- 4. The three members of the limited liability membership are Eyal Golan, Raz Itzhaki and Jason Friedland. Each member has extensive experience in the moving business.

- 5. The applicants first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$3,500, rent of \$12,000, maintenance of \$3,000, property tax of \$886, payroll of \$25,000, administration of \$6,000, marketing of \$9,000 and vehicle financing of \$11,514 for a total expense of \$70,900.
 - 6. The applicant has \$214,676 in a Chase Bank account.
- 7. Robert Shawah is the vice president of Baldwin & Pearson a real estate firm in Bridgeport. His customers will benefit from the applicant's moving service and he will provide referrals when possible.
 - 8. The applicant will utilize a 2011 Isuzu model NPR box truck.
 - 9. This application was not opposed.

II. <u>DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS</u> AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over any person operating any motor vehicle in the transportation of household goods for hire as a household goods carrier pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Further, no person shall operate as a household goods carrier, within Connecticut, without first obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity to so operate.

In determining whether such a certificate shall be granted, the Commissioner of Transportation shall take into consideration the existing motor transportation facilities and the effect upon them of granting such a certificate, the suitability of the applicant, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of the applicant efficiently to perform the service for which the authority is requested, the criminal history of the applicant, the condition of and effect upon the highways involved and the safety of the public using such highways, pursuant to Section 13b-392 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The first criterion to be taken into account is the effect on the existing motor carrier facilities by granting the certificate. This application was not opposed by any existing motor carrier. Since the application was not opposed, it appears that there would not be any effect on the existing motor carrier facilities if this application were granted.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence that the applicant's six months of start-up costs includes insurance of \$3,500, rent of \$12,000, vehicle maintenance of \$3,000, property tax of \$886, payroll of \$25,000, administration of \$6,000, marketing of \$9,000 and vehicle costs of \$11,514 for a total expense of \$70,900. The applicant has \$214,676 in a Chase Bank account which is more than sufficient to cover these startup costs.

The applicant submitted a criminal record check for the three members of the limited liability corporation, Eyal Golan, Raz Itzhaki and Jason Friedland which showed no criminal

record. The three members have many years of experience in the moving business and are suitable to handle this proposed operation.

Also to be considered is the ability of the applicant to efficiently perform the service for which the authority is requested and the condition of and effect upon the highways involved and the safety of the public using such highways. The applicant has years of prior experience in the moving business and its addition to the market will not have a negative effect on public safety or the highways.

Based upon the evidence presented, the applicant has proven all of the necessary elements to be granted a certificate to operate.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Section 13b-391 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the application of Shleppers Holdings, LLC dba Shleppers Moving & Storage is hereby granted and Certificate Number 1790 is issued as follows:

CERTIFICATE NUMBER 1790 TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PROPERTY FOR HIRE AS A MOTOR COMMON CARRIER

Shleppers Holdings, LLC dba Shleppers Moving & Storage is hereby permitted and authorized, subject to such regulations and conditions as the department may from time to time prescribe, to transport property for hire as a motor common carrier over irregular routes as follows:

Household goods, within the State of Connecticut, between all points upon calls received at its headquarters in Bridgeport.

The certificate holder must accept and transport property, as herein authorized in accordance with its tariff on file, for all persons who desire the service to the extent of the certificate holder's facilities at uniform rate for all similar service.

CONDITIONS:

A motor vehicle must be registered under this certificate within thirty (30) days from the date of this decision.

There shall be carried in each vehicle operated under this authority a copy of the certificate registration receipt by the department.

This certificate shall remain in effect until suspended, amended or revoked by the department. Failure of the certificate holder to maintain proper insurance or to comply with all

motor vehicle laws and other pertinent State statutes and/or the rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered sufficient cause to revoke said certificate.

This certificate may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational for more than twenty-four (24) months.

This certificate is transferable only with the approval of the department and is issued subject to compliance by the holder thereof with all motor vehicle laws of the State of Connecticut, and with such rules regulations and orders as this department may from time to time prescribe.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 27th day of June.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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