

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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ERRATA (DOCKET NUMBER AND NAME)

DOCKET NO. 1812-N-161-L

RE: APPLICATION OF BRADLEY LIMO SERVICE, LLC TO OPERATE ONE (1) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLE, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN WINDSOR LOCKS.

DECISION

September 13, 2019

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on December 26, 2018, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Bradley Limo Service, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 35 Elm Street, Windsor Locks, CT 06096 seeks authorization to one (1) motor vehicle, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, in general livery service from a headquarters in Windsor Locks.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was originally held on June 11, 2019 but also subsequently scheduled for June 25, 2019 to allow intervenors to come forward because a defect in the hearing notice. At the hearing it was discovered that the applicant listed the incorrect town of West Hartford as the headquarters location and not the correct headquarters of Windsor Locks. No intervenors were identified upon the re notice.

Notice of the application and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the applicant and to such other parties as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended. Legal notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website.

A hearing officer designated by the Commissioner pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-17 conducted the hearing on this matter.

C. APPEARANCES

Hesham Sobhi appeared on behalf of the applicant. The applicant was represented by Attorney Michael Stone, 129 Church Street, Suite 806, New Haven, Connecticut 06510.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in Windsor Locks. He will drive the vehicle while his wife will do the dispatching.
2. The applicant will operate a 2011 Lincoln MKX. The vehicle has no financing.
3. The applicant has \$13,413 in a bank account for the business.

4. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$1,980, maintenance of \$450, property tax of \$115, advertising of \$450 and communication costs of \$1,638.

5. Shelman Rivera is a friend of the applicant and has used his professional driving service once. He has a good opinion of the applicant and supports the application. In the past he has had negative experiences with taxis and UBER.

6. Kim Jurbey works for a private jet charter company in Windsor Locks. She refers the applicant to her clients for ground transportation. He gives great customer service and is the only one she recommends.

7. Abdul Melham would like to be a driver for the applicant.

8. Soukauina Assir is a friend of the applicant's wife. She has used his professional driving. His car is clean and he is honest and professional.

9. Eileen Dwelley has worked in the hotel industry for several years. She refers the applicant to guests who need transportation. She is very happy with the applicant's quality service.

10. Mohammed Anwar also works in the hotel industry. He had trouble with other services but now recommends the applicant.

11. Mr. Sobhi is a long-standing livery and taxi driver. He has his own business clientele.

12. The applicant does not have a criminal record.

13. This application is not opposed.

III. DISCUSSION

The department has jurisdiction over each person, association, limited liability company or corporation owning or operating a motor vehicle in livery service, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, as amended.

In determining whether a livery permit should be granted, the department shall take into consideration the present or future public convenience and necessity. The applicant must prove that the public's convenience and necessity will be improved by the proposed service. Additionally, the applicant must show the suitability of the applicant or the suitability of the management if the applicant is a limited liability company or corporation, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of the applicant efficiently and properly to perform the service for which authority is requested and the fitness, willingness and ability of the applicant to conform to the provisions of the

statutes and the requirements and regulations of the department thereunder, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103.

Regarding the applicant's suitability, the applicant submitted a criminal record check for Hesham Sobhi. Mr. Sobhi is a long-standing driver. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has the necessary suitability to be granted authorization.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence that the first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$1,980, maintenance of \$450, property tax of \$115, advertising of \$450 and communication costs of \$1,638 for a total cost of \$4,633. The applicant has \$13,413 in the bank, which is sufficient to cover these initial costs. Therefore, the applicant is financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant presented several witnesses in support who will continue to use and recommend his livery service. Based on all of the evidence presented, the applicant has shown public convenience will be improved by a grant of this application.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application of Bradley Limo Service, LLC is hereby granted and Livery Permit Number 3667 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3667

Bradley Limo Service, LLC is hereby permitted to operate one (1) motor vehicle, having a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in Windsor Locks

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure the vehicle granted in this permit within ninety (90) days. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the authority.

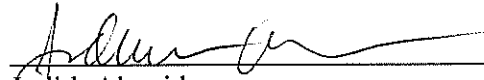
The authority granted under this permit may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational, i.e. a vehicle registered with livery plates thereunder for not less than twenty-four (24) months.

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

A memorandum of this permit, bearing the seal of the department, shall be conspicuously posted in each motor vehicle operated under this permit.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on the 13th day of September 2019.

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