



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



2800 BERLIN TURNPIKE, P.O. BOX 317546
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06131-7546

Phone:

(860) 594-2875

DOCKET NO. 1909-N-104-L

RE: APPLICATION OF CT EXPRESS, LIVERY, LLC TO OPERATE TWO
(2) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLES, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF
LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN
ORANGE.

DECISION

FEBRUARY 14, 2020

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on September 19, 2019, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, CT Express Livery, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 955 Mix Avenue, Apt 1H, Hamden, CT 06514 seeks authorization to operate two (2) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, in general livery service from a headquarters in Orange.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on January 30, 2020.

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

Faisal Shehzad appeared on behalf of the applicant. The applicant was represented by Attorney Michael Stone with a mailing address of 129 Church Street, Suite 806, New Haven, CT 06510.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate two (2) motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Orange.
2. Mr. Shehzad is currently a driver for M7 and has been driving professionally for three years.
3. The applicant plans to operate a 2006 Chrysler Town and Country van and a 2007 Dodge Caravan, which are both wheelchair accessible.
4. The applicant has \$46,069 in the bank.

5. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes property tax of \$302, insurance of \$13,140, vehicle costs of \$26,000, maintenance costs of \$1,500, advertising of \$450, rent of \$3,000 and cell phone costs of \$1,500.

6. The applicant wants to perform trips for private pay customers in addition to contracting with Veyo to perform medical livery under contract.

7. Mr. Shehzad will drive one of the vehicles while employing someone to drive the other vehicle. The office will be staffed by one of the witnesses, Tracy McPhail.

8. The applicant does not have a criminal record.

9. The applicant is a good, safe and reliable driver who provides good customer service.

10. This application was 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 Mr. Shehzad, which shows no criminal record. Mr. Shehzad has been driving professionally for the past three years after owning his own grocery store. Based on his past driving and business experience, the applicant is suitable to perform this service.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned the first six months of expenses includes property tax of \$302, insurance of \$13,140, maintenance costs of \$1,500, advertising of \$450, rent of \$3,000, vehicle costs of \$26,000 and cell phone costs of \$1,500 for a total expense of \$45,892. The applicant has \$46,069 in the bank, which is sufficient to cover these initial costs.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant presented several witness who were clients of his while he drove medical livery. They expressed an interest in using his livery service because he is prompt and professional driver. The applicant already has a customer base and should be able to transition into having his own company. In addition, the applicant is looking into working with Veyo as a medical livery provider.

Based on all of the evidence presented; this livery application will be granted.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application of CT Express Livery, LLC is hereby granted and Livery Permit Number 3692 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3692

CT Express Livery, LLC is hereby permitted to operate two (2) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in Orange.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure the two (2) vehicles granted in this permit within ninety (90) days. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the authority.

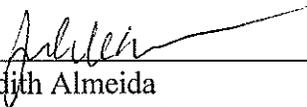
The authority granted under this permit may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational, i.e. a vehicle registered with livery plates thereunder for not less than twenty-four (24) months.

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 14th day of February 2020.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Judith Almeida
Staff Attorney III
Administrative Law Unit
Bureau of Finance and Administration