



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2007-N-41-L

RE: APPLICATION OF LACEN LUXURY TRANSPORT, LLC TO
OPERATE TWO (2) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLES, WITH A
SEATING CAPACITY OF ELEVEN PASSENGERS OR LESS, FROM A
HEADQUARTERS IN NEWINGTON.

DECISION

AUGUST 27, 2020

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on July 20, 2020, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Lacen Luxury Transport, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 100 Beacon Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111 seeks authorization to operate two (2) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers or less, in general livery service from a headquarters in Newington.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on August 20, 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

John Lacen appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 100 Beacon Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate two (2) motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Newington.
2. The applicant plans to operate a 2014 Chevy Tahoe and a 2006 Chrysler Limo. The limo is fully paid for.
3. The applicant has \$7,620 in a bank account.
4. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes vehicle financing of \$2,013, insurance costs of \$2,287, property tax of \$276, maintenance costs of \$1,000 and advertising of \$120.

5. Mr. Lacen has been working as an armored car driver for the past 6 years and was formerly in the military.

6. Mr. Lacen has applied for a public service license, but he has not been granted one as of the hearing date.

7. The applicant does not have a criminal record.

8. The applicant will perform all types of general livery trips including proms, weddings, casino and airport work. He will be the only driver of the vehicle.

9. This application was 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. Lacen, which shows no criminal record. Mr. Lacen has military experience and has been working as an armored car driver. There was no opposition to the application. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to be granted a livery permit.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the first six months of expenses includes vehicle financing of \$2,013, insurance costs of \$2,287, property tax of \$276, maintenance costs of \$1,000 and advertising of \$120 for a total expense of \$5,696. The applicant has \$7,620 in the bank which is enough to cover these start-up costs.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant testified that he would like to serve the general public with a livery service. He has some driving experience from his current job and is in the process of retaining a public service license. He also has some business

experience through his military training. Based on all 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 Lacen Luxury Transport, LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3697 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3697

Lacen Luxury Transport, LLC is hereby permitted to operate two (2) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in Newington.

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 27th day of August 2020.

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