



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 1710-NGOV-112-L

RE: APPLICATION OF FRESH VOICE TRANSPORTATION, LLC TO OPERATE TWO (2) MOTOR VEHICLES, EACH HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN (11) PASSENGERS, FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS FOR HIRE BY VIRTUE OF A CONTRACT WITH, OR A LOWER TIER CONTRACT FOR ANY FEDERAL, STATE OR MUNICIPAL AGENCY BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN DANBURY.

DECISION

JANUARY 8, 2018

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on October 27, 2018, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Fresh Voice Transportation, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 21 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury, Connecticut 06811 seeks authorization to operate two (2) motor vehicles, having a passenger seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, for the transportation of passengers for hire by virtue of a contract with, or a lower tier contract for, any federal, state or municipal agency between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in Danbury.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on January 5, 2018.

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

Blane Jacobs appeared on pro se behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 21 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury, Connecticut 06811.

Theodore Sanford, Program Manager, appeared as a witness for the Department of Children and Families, hereinafter "DCF".

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate two (2) motor vehicles under contract with DCF.
2. Theodore Sanford is the Program Manager for the Department of Children and Families (DCF).
3. DCF needs the applicant to transport children to appointments and visits. The applicant is currently providing transportation to schools for DCF.

4. Continuity of the transportation provider will benefit the children using the service.

5. The applicant will be operating a 2003 and a 2004 Honda van which are both owned outright by the company.

6. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$6,625, maintenance of \$360, property tax of \$104 and communication costs of \$930 for a total expense of \$8,019.

7. The applicant has \$14,571.85 in the Savings Bank of Danbury.

8. 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.

To show financial support, the applicant has presented evidence that the first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$6,625, maintenance of \$360, property tax of \$104 and communication costs of \$930 for a total expense of \$8,019. The applicant has \$14,571.85 in the Savings Bank of Danbury which is sufficient to cover these initial costs.

Regarding the applicant's suitability, a criminal record check was performed for Blane Jacobs which disclosed no criminal record. The applicant currently services DCF for student transportation and DCF wishes to have the provider address other transportation needs which require a livery license. Based on the evidence presented, applicant is suitable to perform the proposed livery service.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, Mr. Sanford testified that DCF needs two additional livery vehicles in Danbury. The applicant currently services DCF with student transportation and wishes to move into the other aspects of livery transportation for these same clients for appointments and various afterschool programs and camps. Having the same livery provider will benefit the young children who will be using the service as there will be a continuity

of providers.

Based on all of the evidence presented, the applicant will be granted two (2) governmental livery permits.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application is hereby granted. Accordingly, Livery Permit Number 3620, standing in the name of Fresh Voice Transportation, LLC is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NO. 3620

**DURATIONAL LIVERY SERVICE
UNDER CONTRACT WITH DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
DOCKET NO. 1710-NGOV-112-L-GRANTED ON JANUARY 8, 2018**

Fresh Voice Transportation, LLC is authorized to operate two (2) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, for the provision of transportation for hire by virtue of a contract with Department of Children and Families from a headquarters in Danbury.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure the two (2) motor vehicles granted in this docket within sixty (60) days from the date of this final decision. If the vehicle is not registered or insured within the sixty (60) day period, it will be revoked automatically.

The authority for the two (2) vehicles granted in Docket No. 1710-NGOV-112-L shall be durational in nature and shall exist only for the period of time that the permit holder has a current and continuing contract in effect for the provision of service with Department of Children and Families.

The permit holder shall notify the department of any termination of its contract with Department of Children and Families or the cessation of the active provision of service thereunder. The permit holder shall file with the department on an annual basis, upon registration or re-registration of the motor vehicles authorized in this decision, a current, executed copy of the extension of said contract. Failure to file an extension of the contract, or a new executed contract shall void the authority for the vehicles authorized pursuant to this contract.


This permit is not transferable and shall remain in effect until revoked by the department or until the contract under which this authority is granted has expired. 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 January 8, 2018.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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