

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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# DOCKET NO. 1711-N-116-L

RE: APPLICATION OF RAYMOND JEUNE TO OPERATE ONE (1) MOTOR VEHICLE, HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN (11) PASSENGERS, IN GENERAL LIVERY SERVICE BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN STAMFORD.

**DECISION** 

January 17, 2018

#### I. INTRODUCTION

### A. <u>APPLICATION</u>

By application filed on January 12, 2018, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Raymond Jeune (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 85 Victory Street, Stamford, CT 06902 seeks authorization to operate one (1) motor vehicle, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, in general livery service between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in Stamford.

### B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on January 11, 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

Raymond Jeune appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 85 Victory Street, Stamford, Connecticut 06902.

## II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in livery service from a headquarters in Stamford.
  - 2. The applicant is a long time driver of livery and taxi vehicles.
  - 3. The applicant received his federal interstate livery authority in 2017.
- 4. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes \$1,344 for vehicle financing, \$2,050 for insurance, \$600 for maintenance, \$338 for property tax, \$400 for marketing and \$360 for cellphones.
  - 5. The applicant has \$14,354 in a First County Bank.

- 6. The applicant has an established livery customer base.
- 7. 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.

Some factors to consider in granting a livery permit are whether the service will benefit the relevant class of users, whether the proposed service is more efficient, more economical, more convenient, more satisfactory, or different that the services offered by the existing service providers, whether the new service would create a potentially beneficial effect upon rates and customer service and whether the acquisition of equipment would be more suitable to customer needs, whether the population in the area that the applicant proposes to service is increasing, whether potential customers have requested a service like that suggested by the applicant and whether the proposed service will improve the existing mode of transportation as defined in Martorelli v. Department of Transportation 316 Conn. 538 (2015).

To show financial support, the applicant submitted the first six months of expenses which include \$1,344 for vehicle financing, \$2,050 for insurance, \$600 for maintenance, \$338 for property tax, \$400 for marketing and \$360 for cellphones for a total expense of \$5,092. The applicant has \$14,354 in a First County Bank which is sufficient to cover these initial costs.

Regarding the applicant's suitability, a criminal record check was performed for Raymond Jeune which shows no criminal record. Mr. Jeune has been a taxi/livery driver for many years. He also has received his federal interstate livery authority. The applicant is suitable to perform the proposed livery service.

To prove public convenience and necessity, the applicant presented evidence that he has an existing client base that he can draw clients from. Mr. Jeune has been driving under another livery companies permit and has developed many clients this way. The applicant has already received his interstate livery authority.

Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has proven a need for an additional livery service, the suitability and the financial ability to operate the proposed livery service.

#### VI. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application, standing in the name of Raymond Jeune is hereby granted and Livery Permit Number 3622 is hereby issued as follows:

#### LIVERY PERMIT NO. 3622

Raymond Jeune is authorized to operate one (1) motor vehicle, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in Stamford.

### **RESTRICTIONS:**

The applicant must register and insure the one (1) vehicle granted under this decision within sixty (60) days from the date of this decision.

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. If at any time during the twenty-four consecutive month period the applicant enters into a contract for the sale of the vehicle authorized under livery permit number 3622, the authority granted herein for one vehicle will be revoked.

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.

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