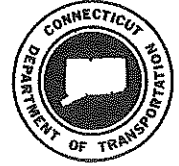


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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NUMBER 1902-N-24-L

RE: APPLICATION OF ADVANCE LIVERY, LLC TO OPERATE TWO (2) MOTOR VEHICLES, HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN (11) ADULTS, IN GENERAL LIVERY SERVICE BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN ANSONIA.

DECISION

AUGUST 27, 2019

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. General

By application filed on February 20, 2019, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Advance Livery, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 99 Jackson Street, Ansonia, Connecticut 06401 seeks authorization to operate two (2) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, in general livery service between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in the town of Ansonia.

### B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on August 22, 2019.

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 the Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103. 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

Hakam Mohamed Abdalla 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. FINDING OF FACTS

1. The applicant seeks to operate two (2) livery vehicles in intrastate livery service from a headquarters in Ansonia.
2. Mr. Abdalla has been a long-standing taxicab and livery driver.
3. The applicant's assets include cash of \$30,454.
4. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes: purchase price of both vehicles of \$21,395, insurance of \$7,401, advertising of \$150, maintenance costs of \$600, cellphone costs of \$600, property tax of \$280 for a total expense of \$30,046.
5. The applicant has a clean criminal record.
6. The applicant has a customer base already and provides good customer service.

7. The applicant's wife, Teresa Angeski, will help in the business administration and may drive after getting her public service license.

8. The applicant provided several witnesses who have used his transportation service and will use his livery service if the application is granted.

9. The applicant will operate a 2013 Dodge Caravan and a 2012 MV-1 Ford vehicle, which will both be purchased.

10. The applicant will operate from a home office in Ansonia and has recently applied for a home office permit from the town. He will also rent a garage to park the two (2) vehicles.

11. The applicant may seek to work for the broker Veyo.

12. No opposition was presented to this application.

### III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

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.

In support of financial wherewithal, the applicant presented evidence that its first six months of expenses includes the cost to purchase both vehicles of \$21,395, insurance of \$7,401, advertising of \$150, maintenance of \$600, cellphone costs of \$600, property tax of \$280 for a total expense of \$30,046. The applicant has cash on hand of \$30,454, which is sufficient to cover these expenses. The applicant has proven financial suitability.

With regard to suitability, the applicant Mr. Abdalla has a clean criminal record. He has worked many years as a taxi and livery driver. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to be granted the authority to operate two (2) vehicles.

The applicant is also required to prove that public convenience and necessity would be improved by a grant of this application. The applicant presented several witnesses who support his application who have used his service and will continue to do so. The applicant will also attempt to contract with Veyo to provide medical livery rides. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has proven public convenience and necessity.

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, the application of Advance Livery, LLC is hereby granted and Livery Permit Number 3672 is hereby amended and issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NO. 3672  
FOR THE OPERATION OF LIVERY SERVICE

Advance Livery, LLC is hereby permitted and authorized to operate two (2) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, in general livery service from a headquarters in Ansonia.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

**The applicant must register the two (2) vehicles granted under this decision within sixty (60) days from the date of this decision.**

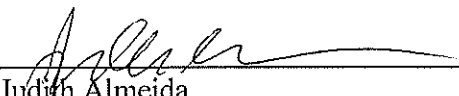
The authority granted under this permit may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational, i.e. a vehicle registered with livery plates thereunder for not less than twenty-four (24) months.

This permit shall remain in effect until 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 the rules, regulations and orders of the department may from time to time prescribe thereunder may result in a citation action against the permit holder.

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

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 27th day of August 2019.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

  
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