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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 1903-N-37-L

RE: APPLICATION OF ASSEL LIVERY SERVICE, LLC TO OPERATE ONE  
(1) MOTOR VEHICLE IN GENERAL LIVERY SERVICE, WITH A  
SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS,  
FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN BRIDGEPORT.

DECISION

JUNE 25, 2019

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. APPLICATION

By application filed on March 12, 2019, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Assel Livery Service, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 167 Wade Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604 seeks authorization to operate one (1) motor vehicle, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, in general livery service from a headquarters in Bridgeport.

### B. HEARING

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

Yosif Bakhit 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 one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in Bridgeport.
2. The applicant has worked for several years as an UBER driver.
3. The applicant will operate a 2011 Honda Pilot in the business. The vehicle has financing.
4. The applicant has \$9,075 in a bank account for the business.
5. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$3,429,

maintenance of \$1,300, property tax of \$119, financing of \$2,429, advertising of \$175 and communication of \$660.

6. The applicant already has a livery customer base.
7. The applicant gives good customer service and is reliable according to the various witnesses who testified in support of the application.
8. Mr. Bakit has no criminal record.
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 Yosif Bakhit which showed no criminal record. Mr. Bakhit currently drives for UBER. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has the necessary suitability to be granted livery authorization.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned the applicant presented evidence that the first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$3,429, maintenance of \$1,300, property tax of \$119, financing of \$2,429, advertising of \$175 and communication of \$660 for a total expense of \$8,052. The applicant has \$9,075 in the bank, which is sufficient to cover these initial costs. Therefore, the applicant is financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant presented several witnesses in support. Some of the witnesses have used the applicant's service as an UBER and he gives good customer service and is honest and reliable. Based on the evidence presented the applicant has proven public convenience and necessity

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application of Assel Livery Service, LLC is hereby granted and Livery Permit Number 3668 is hereby issued as follows:

**LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3668**

Assel Livery Service, LLC is hereby permitted to operate one (1) motor vehicle, having a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in Bridgeport.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

**The applicant must register and insure the one (1) vehicle granted in this permit within ninety (90) days. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the authority.**

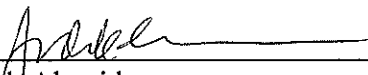
The authority granted under this permit may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational, i.e. a vehicle registered with livery plates thereunder for not less than twenty-four (24) months.

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 25th day of June 2019.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

  
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