

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NUMBER 1904-AV-58-L

RE: APPLICATION OF JAQUAR LIMO, LLC BDA JAQUAR LIMO TO OPERATE NINE (9) ADDITIONAL 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 WINDSOR LOCKS.

DECISION

AUGUST 7, 2019

I. INTRODUCTION

A. General

By application filed on April 12, 2019, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Jaquar Limo, LLC dba Jaquar Limo (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 20 Old Country Road, Suite 8, Windsor Locks, Connecticut 06906, seeks authorization to operate nine additional (9) 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 Windsor Locks.

B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on August 1, 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

Members Amr Zeineldin and Adil Ibrahim were present at the hearing. The applicant's mailing address is 20 Old Country Road, Suite 8, Windsor Locks, Connecticut 06906. 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 nine (9) additional vehicles in intrastate livery service from a headquarters in Windsor Locks.
- 2. The applicant currently has intrastate general livery authority for twelve (12) vehicles and operates four (4) vehicles in interstate livery service.
 - 3. The applicant's assets include cash of \$76,470.
- 4. The applicant's first six month costs include personal property tax of \$1,063, insurance of \$12,307, advertising of \$1,200, maintenance and repairs of \$900 and vehicle costs for three vehicles of \$36,000. The applicant has already purchased six (6) vehicles.
- 5. Mark Davis, Provider Operations Coordinator, from Veyo testified. Veyo needs the applicant to operate two (2) to three (3) additional wheelchair accessible vehicles under the current

executed contract. Veyo needs service in Litchfield, New Haven and Hartford County. The applicant's trips for Veyo have increased from 50 to 200 per day.

- 6. The applicant is currently farming out livery business because of a lack of vehicles.
- 7. The applicant provides good customer service and is prompt and professional.
- 8. The applicant members have strong ties to their religious community, which will help get clients for their transportation service.
- 9. The applicant exclusively performs livery trips for the Sheraton Bradley International Hotel. The hotel guests are appreciative of the professional, prompt livery and reliable service they receive.
- 10. The applicant has multiple corporate accounts. Some of the accounts tie up one livery vehicle for the entire day.
 - 11. The four applicant members do not have a criminal record.
 - 12. No opposition was presented to a grant of 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 include the purchase price of three vehicles of \$36,000, the insurance cost of \$12,307, maintenance costs of \$900, Google advertising of \$1,200 and property tax of \$1063 for a total expense of \$51,470. The applicant has cash of \$76,470 in its bank account, which is sufficient to cover these costs. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has proven its financial suitability to operate the requested vehicles.

With regard to suitability, the applicant provided the department with the requisite criminal conviction history forms for the four members of the limited liability corporation which show no convictions. The applicant has been successfully operating its livery service for several

years. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to be granted the livery additional authority.

The applicant is also required to prove that public convenience and necessity would be improved by a grant of this application. In that regard, the applicant presented evidence of increased Veyo need in addition to increased need from its corporate clients and the public. 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 Jaquar Limo, LLC dba Jaquar Limo is hereby granted and Livery Permit Number 3382 is hereby amended and reissued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NO. 3382 FOR THE OPERATION OF LIVERY SERVICE

Jaquar Limo, LLC dba Jaquar Limo is hereby permitted and authorized to operate twenty-one (21) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, in general livery service from a headquarters in Windsor Locks to all points in Connecticut.

Jaquar Limo, LLC dba Jaquar Limo is also permitted and authorized to operate motor vehicles as a common carrier of passengers, in charter and special operations, in interstate commerce under such authorization as issued or amended by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in the issuance of certificate number MC-857155-P.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register the nine (9) additional 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 7th day of August 2019.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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