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DOCKET NO. 2104-N-26-L

RE: APPLICATION OF SAFE JOURNEY TRANSPORTATION LLC TO  
OPERATE ONE (1) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLE, WITH A SEATING  
CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A  
HEADQUARTERS IN NEW BRITAIN.

DECISION

August 19, 2021

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. APPLICATION

By application filed on April 12, 2021, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Safe Journey Transportation LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 96 Orange Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06510 seeks authorization to operate one (1) motor vehicle, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in New Britain.

### B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on August 3, 2021.

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

Victor Nwachukwu appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 96 Orange Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06510.

## II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in New Britain.
2. The applicant will operate a 2012 Kia sedan in the livery business.
3. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$6,049, maintenance costs of \$600, communication costs of \$720, advertising costs of \$390, property tax of \$126 and vehicle financing of \$1,764.
4. The applicant has \$10,070 in a business bank account.

5. Mr. Nwachukwu is currently driving for Uber and Lyft.
6. The applicant anticipates providing trips to medical appointments and for nursing home patrons. He wants to provide a more personalized livery transportation experience.
7. The applicant will be operating out of his home. There are no zoning issues with operating a home office in the residence.
8. Mr. Nwachukwu needs to get a public service license to drive the livery vehicle.
9. The applicant will get customers by advertising on social media and by creating flyers.
10. 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 Victor Nwachukwu, which disclosed no criminal record. Mr. Nwachukwu has been an Uber and Lyft driver for the past five years. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to conduct the proposed intrastate livery business.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence that the first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$6,049, maintenance costs of \$600, communication costs of \$720, advertising costs of \$390, property tax of \$126 and vehicle financing of \$1,764 for a total expense of \$9,649. The applicant has \$10,070 in a bank account to cover these startup expenses and is therefore financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant has a plan to market the company through social media and flyers. The applicant has worked for several transportation ride sharing companies in the past and has gained transportation experience. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant will receive authorization for intrastate livery transportation.

#### IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application in the name of Safe Journey Transportation LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3717 is hereby issued as follows:

#### **LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3717**

Safe Journey Transportation LLC is authorized to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service, with a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, from a headquarters in New Britain.

#### **RESTRICTIONS:**

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

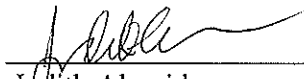
This permit shall remain in effect until it is amended, suspended or revoked by the department. Failure of the permit holder to maintain proper insurance and/or comply with all pertinent motor vehicle laws and other state statutes and/or rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered 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 19th day of August 2021.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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