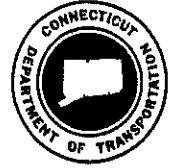




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DOCKET NO. 2304-N-65-L

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

DECISION

JUNE 19, 2023

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on April 19, 2023, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Royal Business Class LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 10-1 Countryside Lane, Middletown, Connecticut 06457 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 Middletown.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on July 12, 2023.

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

Sajjad Chohan and Muhammad Choudhry appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 10-1 Countryside Lane, Middletown, Connecticut 06457.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in Middletown.
2. The applicant proposes to operate a 2019 Chevy Suburban.
3. Both applicant members have driven for Uber and one member has over 20 years' experience as a livery driver.
4. The applicant's expenses include insurance of \$3,755, property tax of \$318, maintenance of \$1,360, advertising of \$ 1,500 and communication costs of \$450.

5. The applicant has \$11,104 in a business bank account.
6. Both applicant member Sajjad Chohan and Muhammad Choudhry have a clean criminal history.
7. Both members will drive the vehicle but Mr. Chohan already has his endorsement.
8. The applicant will get customers through advertising and a developed a customer base.
9. Customers have been asking the applicants to start a livery service.
10. The applicant's presented two witnesses in support of the application who found their driving service to be very good.
11. 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 Sajjad Chohan and Muhammad Choudhry that disclosed no criminal record. Both applicant members have been Uber drivers and have transportation experience. 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 of \$3,755, property tax of \$318, maintenance of \$1,360, advertising of \$ 1,500 and communication costs of \$450 for a total expense

of \$7,383. The applicant has \$11,104 in a bank account to cover these startup expenses and is financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant is seeking to provide transportation to customers they already have and develop new customers. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has shown that public convenience and necessity will be improved by a grant of this application.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application in the name of Royal Business Class LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3793 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3793

Royal Business Class 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 Middletown.

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 the general livery 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 July 2023.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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