

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NUMBER 1210-C-141-L

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE CITATION OF HARTFORD LIVERY AND LIMOUSINE, LLC.

Final Decision

October 30, 2013

#### I. INTRODUCTION

## A. General

By citation dated June 24, 2013, by the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, Hartford Livery and Limousine, LLC (hereinafter "respondent"), holder of Livery Permit Number 3263, was ordered to come before the department to answer the allegations made therein.

Pursuant to said citation, the respondent was directed to appear at the Newington office of the Department of Transportation to show cause why Permit Number 3263, issued for the operation of livery service, should not be suspended or revoked or a civil penalty imposed for violation of its permit pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, et seq.

More specifically, it is alleged that the respondent violated the following Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and Connecticut General Statutes:

1.	13b-103	Failure to have an active headquarters

2. 16-325-3 Notice of change of address

3. 16-325-4 Change of address

The citation was served upon the respondent by first class and certified mail and recited the department's reasons for issuing it.

# B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the public hearing for this citation was held on October 17, 2013. Notice of the citation and the hearing to be held thereon was given to the respondent and to such other parties as required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended. The respondent was originally sent an incorrect hearing notice so the notice was corrected and the respondent was assigned another hearing date.

The hearing on this matter was conducted by a hearing officer designated by the Commissioner of Transportation, pursuant to Section 13b-17 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

#### C. Appearances

Mubarik Mir appeared pro se on behalf of the respondent. The respondent's mailing address is 101 Arch Street, Meriden CT 06450.

Eugene Morris, Transportation Public Transit Inspector with the Regulatory and Compliance Unit, presented evidence on behalf of the department.

# II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The respondent is the holder of Livery Permit 3263 in the name of Hartford Livery and Limousine, LLC.
- 2. On June 6, 2012, the respondent purchased a livery company from Sedan Services. At the time of the sale, Hartford Livery established 55 Highgate Road, Newington as its headquarters address which was the residence of one of the owners of Sedan Services.

- 3. On October 2, 2012, Mr. Majka went to do a headquarters check and found no headquarters at that location.
  - 4. On October 8, 2012, the respondent entered into a lease for the 39 Market Squarre Newington address.
- 5. On October 9, 2012, the respondent filed a Permit Information Sheet listing the headquarters at 39 Market Square, Newington.

## III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the operation of motor vehicles in livery service in the State of Connecticut accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, the department may amend or for sufficient cause suspend or revoke any such permit. Further, the department may impose a civil penalty on any person who violates any provision of the governing chapter or any regulation adopted under Section 13b-103, as amended, with respect to fares, service, operation or equipment, in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars per day for each violation.

The respondent admits that he did not maintain a headquarters in Newington from the sale date on June 6, 2012 until October 8, 2012, some four months later. The respondent will be assessed a civil penalty of \$5,000 for not having a proper headquarters during that four month period. In addition, the department will do periodic site visits to the Newington headquarters to ensure compliance at the headquarters address that the respondent is claiming to be at now.

## IV. ORDER

Based on the above, the respondent is hereby ordered to pay to the Department of Transportation, a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000 (FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS) by certified check, bank check or money order made payable to the "Treasurer, State of Connecticut," within sixty (60) days from the date of this final decision.

The Regulatory & Compliance Unit shall conduct at least two site visits to the headquarters in Newington at 39 Market Square Newington within sixty (60) days from the date of the final decision and submit written reports to the hearing officer about the headquarters status.

Failure of the respondent to comply with this order shall result in revocation without further proceeding.

This final decision constitutes notice in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-182(c).

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this the 30th day of October 2013.

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