

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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# DOCKET NO. 1809-N-106-L

RE: APPLICATION OF RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION, LLC TO OPERATE TWO (2) MOTOR VEHICLES, HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN (11) ADULTS, FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS IN GENERAL LIVERY SERVICE FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN VERNON.

**DECISION** 

**NOVEMBER 21, 2018** 

#### I. INTRODUCTION

## A. <u>APPLICATION</u>

By application filed on September 18, 2018, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Reliable Transportation, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 48 Windsor Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut 06614 seeks authorization to operate two (2) motor vehicles, having a passenger seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, in general livery service, between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in Vernon.

#### B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on November 15, 2018.

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

Muhammad Khan appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address 48 Windsor Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut 06111.

Chester Bukowski, Esq. represented the applicant. Attorney Bukowski's mailing address is 17 Cherry Lane, Avon, CT 06001.

#### II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate two (2) motor vehicles in general livery service.
- 2. The applicant currently operates eight (8) motor vehicles in general livery service.
- 3. The applicant will be operating 2007 Chevy Impala and a 2007 Toyota Camry which are both paid in full.
- 4. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes: insurance of \$2,847, maintenance of \$2,000 and property tax of \$122.

- 5. The applicant has \$55,487 in a Webster Bank account.
- 6 Nick Sejerman, a Supply Supervisor with Veyo,, testified in support of the application.
- 7 Veyo needs operators in Windham County area. The current operators in that area are not performing to Veyo's standards.
- 8. Veyo anticipates giving the applicant twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) trips per day for the two (2) cars requested.
  - 9. The applicant already has an executed contract with Veyo.
- 10. The applicant only intends to perform work for Veyo with the two (2) cars requested in this application.
  - 11. This application is 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.

To show financial support the applicant presented evidence that the first six months of expenses includes: insurance of \$2,847, maintenance of \$2,000 and property tax of \$122 for a total of \$4,969. The applicant has \$55,487 in the bank which is more than enough to cover these costs.

Regarding the applicant's suitability, a criminal record check was performed for Muhammad Kahn which shows a past criminal record. However, Mr. Kahn has an F endorsement on his driver's license making him suitable to operate this service. The applicant has also been in the livery business for several years without incident. Based on the evidence of record, the applicant is suitable to operate the proposed service.

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Sejerman who testified that Veyo needs operators in Windham for non-emergency medical transportation. The applicant has no intention of using these vehicles for anything other than governmental contract work for Veyo so the applicant will not be granted general livery service. The applicant will however be granted the authority to operate two (2) vehicles in governmental livery service.

#### IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application is hereby granted. Accordingly, Livery Permit Number 3571 standing in the name of Reliable Transportation, LLC is hereby approved and is reissued as follows:

## **LIVERY PERMIT NO. 3571**

Reliable Transportation, LLC is hereby permitted and authorized to operate eight (8) motor vehicles, each having a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in Vernon.

## **RESTRICTIONS:**

The two (2) permits grated in Docket Number 1805-AVWO-70-L on May 30, 2018, may not be sold or transferred until they have been operational, i.e., a vehicle registered with livery plates thereunder, for not less than twenty-four (24) hours consecutive months. If at any time during that twenty-four (24) month period the applicant enters into a contract for sale and transfer of any of the vehicles granted under Docket Number 1805-AVWO-70-L, the authority granted therein is revoked.

The 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 a pertinent motor vehicle laws and the State statutes and/or rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered sufficient cause to amend, suspend or revoke this permit. This permit is transferrable only with the approval of the department.

This permit is transferable only with the approval of the department and is issued subject to compliance by the holder hereof with all motor vehicle laws of the state of Connecticut, and with such rules, regulations and orders as this department may from time to time prescribe thereunder.

A memorandum of the permit bearing the seal of the department shall be kept conspicuously posted in the vehicles operated hereunder.

# DURATIONAL LIVERY SERVICE UNDER CONTRACT WITH VEYO DOCKET NO. 1809-AV-106-L-GRANTED ON NOVEMBER 21, 2018

Reliable Transportation, LLC is authorized to operate two (2) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, for the provision of transportation for hire by virtue of a contract with Veyo from a headquarters in Vernon.

## **RESTRICTIONS:**

The applicant must register and insure the two (2) motor vehicles granted in this decision within sixty (60) days from the date of this decision. If these two (2) vehicles are not registered or insured within the sixty (60) day period, the authority granted herein will be revoked automatically.

The authority for the two (2) vehicles granted in Docket No. 1809-AV-106-L shall be durational in nature and shall exist only for the period of time that the permit holder has a current and continuing contract in effect for the provision of service with Veyo.

The permit holder shall notify the department of any termination of its contract with Veyo or the cessation of the active provision of service thereunder. The permit holder shall file with the department on an annual basis, upon registration or re-registration of the motor vehicles authorized in this decision, a current, executed copy of the extension of said contract. Failure to file an extension of the contract, or a new executed contract shall void the authority for the vehicles authorized pursuant to this contract.

This permit is not transferable and shall remain in effect until revoked by the department or until the contract under which this authority is granted has expired. 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 November 21, 2018.

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