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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2302-N-14-L

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

DECISION

MAY 2, 2023

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. APPLICATION

By application filed on February 7, 2023, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, MVC Limousine LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 55 Midrocks Drive, Norwalk, Connecticut 06851 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 Norwalk.

### B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on April 25, 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

Martin Vignoli Cotrofe appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. Carina Fernandez, the applicant's partner, also appeared as a witness. The applicant's mailing address is 55 Midrocks Drive, Norwalk, Connecticut 06851.

## II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in Norwalk.
2. The applicant proposes to operate a 2019 MVC Lincoln Nautilus sedan. This vehicle is owned outright.
3. Mr. Vignoli Cotrofe has a livery license endorsement and has been driving in livery service for the past twenty (20) years.
4. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes property tax of \$215, insurance

costs of \$5,577, maintenance costs of \$2,350 and advertising costs of \$200.

5. There are no additional major expenses the applicant needs to incur to start intrastate livery service.

6. The applicant has \$15,482 in a business bank account.

7. Mr. Vignoli Cotrofe will be the sole driver of the livery vehicle.

8. The applicant will be operating the livery business out of his residence.

9. Mr. Vignoli-Cotrofe has no criminal record.

10. The applicant will receive referrals from his livery business contacts.

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 Martin Vignoli Cotrofe which disclosed no criminal record. The applicant has been a professional driver for over 20 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 property tax of \$215, insurance costs of \$5,577, maintenance costs of \$2,350 and advertising costs of \$200 for a total of \$8,342. The applicant has \$15,482 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 been working as a livery driver for many years. He has many contacts in the business who will refer him livery work. 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 MVC Limousine LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3779 is hereby issued as follows:

#### **LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3779**

MVC Limousine 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 Norwalk.

#### **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.

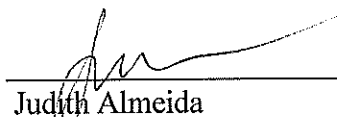
This permit shall remain in effect until it is amended, suspended or revoked by the department. Failure of the permit holder to maintain proper insurance and/or comply with all pertinent motor vehicle laws and other state statutes and/or rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered 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 2nd day of May 2023.

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