

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2311-N-142-L

RE: APPLICATION OF WE CARE FOR YOU SENIOR SERVICES, LLC TO OPERATE ONE (1) MOTOR VEHICLE IN GENERAL LIVERY SERVICE, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN DANBURY

DECISION

FEBRUARY 27, 2024

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on October 18, 2023, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, We Care For You Senior Services, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 118 Westville Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut 06810 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 Danbury.

B. **HEARING**

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on February 20, 2024.

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

Nasi Hani appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 118 Westville Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut 06810.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in Danbury.
 - 2. The applicant will operate a 2022 Chrysler Voyager van which is financed.
 - 3. The applicant has operated a home health care company for the past eight years.
- 4. Mr. Hani has noticed his clients having difficulty getting transportation services due to long waiting times.
 - 5. The first six months of expenses includes vehicle financing of \$5,437, insurance

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- 6. The applicant has \$13,860 in a bank account to pay the start-up expenses.
- 7. The applicant has two nursing homes interested in using his proposed livery service.
- 8. Mr. Hani has a clean criminal history.
- 9. 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 Mr. Hani which disclosed no criminal record. Mr. Hani has operated a home health care company for the past eight years and he wishes to expand his services to include transportation. 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 first six months of expenses includes vehicle financing of \$5,437, insurance costs of \$6,725, advertising costs of \$100, property tax of \$156 and maintenance costs of \$150 for a total expense of \$12,568. The applicant has \$13,860 in a business bank account to cover these startup expenses and is therefore financially suitable to conduct this proposed operation.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant has an existing client base through his home health care business. The applicant also has contacts with two nursing homes that will refer him livery business. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant will receive authorization for one (1) general livery vehicle.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application in the name of We Care For You Senior Services, LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3817 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3817

We Care For You Senior Services, 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 Danbury.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure the one (1) motor 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.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on the 27th day of February 2024.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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