

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



2800 BERLIN TURNPIKE, P.O. BOX 317546 NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06131-7546 Phone:

(860) 594-2875

DOCKET NUMBER 1406-AV-104-L

RE: APPLICATION OF JAGUAR LIMO, LLC. TO OPERATE THREE (3) MOTOR VEHICLES, HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN (11) ADULTS, IN GENERAL LIVERY SERVICE BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN GRANBY.

FINAL DECISION

October 29, 2014

I. INTRODUCTION

A. General

By application filed on June 10, 2014, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Jaguar Limo, LLC. (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of PO Box 621, Granby, Connecticut 06035, seeks authorization to operate three (3) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, in general livery service between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in the town of Granby.

B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on October 9, 2014.

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 the Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103. 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

One of the applicant's members, Amr Zeineldin appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The other members of the applicant limited liability corporation, Yaser Barakat, Hesham Eid and Adil Ibrahim were also present at the hearing. The applicant's mailing address is PO Box 621, Granby, Connecticut 06035.

II. FINDING OF FACTS

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate three (3) additional livery vehicles in intrastate livery service from a headquarters in Granby.
- 2. The applicant currently has intrastate general livery authority for three (3) vehicles and also operates one (1) vehicle in interstate livery service. The applicant received its interstate livery authority several months after it received its intrastate livery authority.
- 3. The applicant's assets include cash of \$58,461 and motor vehicles of \$42,059. The applicant's revenue for the past six months was \$168,256.
- 4. The applicant's annual liabilities include personal property tax of \$1,470, insurance of \$2,340 per vehicle, advertising of \$1,550 and maintenance and repairs of \$2,910.

- 5. The applicant started in intrastate livery service in March 2014. In March it performed a total of 119 livery trips with three (3) vehicles. Those same vehicles performed 445 livery trips in September 2014. The applicant's intrastate trip volume has steadily increased each month it has been in business.
- 6. The applicant has been referring intrastate livery trips to other operators. In September 2014, the applicant referred fifty-five (55) intrastate livery trips. During this same time period, the applicant refused thirty-nine (39) intrastate trips and received seventeen (17) requests for intrastate SUV transportation which it could not perform. The applicant refuses at least four (4) intrastate requests per day
 - 7. The applicant has seven (7) individuals who are available to drive its livery vehicles.
- 8. Judy Linarez works at a Hilton Hotel in Windsor Locks and testified in support of the applicant. Some of the transportation requests she gets at the hotel are to transport larger groups of people which would require bigger vehicles. On occasion, she has not been able to get intrastate livery service from the applicant, whom she prefers to use, due to their lack of availability or their smaller size vehicles.
- 9. Aamna Manzoor is the Front Office Supervisor at the Sheraton Hotel in Windsor Locks. Her clients often travel in groups and need larger vehicles for transportation to restaurants and other venues. Her company prefers to use the applicant because of their good service but they cannot accommodate all of her transportation requests.
- 10. Mohammed Selalem is a customer of the applicant. He sometimes has difficulty getting intrastate livery service from the applicant. He would like to use the applicant to transport his mother on intrastate livery trips.
- 11. The applicant has been successful targeting corporate accounts and consultants. Initially, the applicant advertised its livery service but stopped quickly thereafter when it could not handle the numerous requests it received.
 - 12. No opposition was presented to a grant of this application.

III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

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.

In support of financial wherewithal, the applicant presented evidence that its assets include cash of \$58,461, motor vehicles of \$42,059 and revenue from six months of operation of \$168,256. The applicant's annual liabilities include personal property tax of \$1,470, insurance of \$2,340 per vehicle, advertising of \$1,550 and maintenance and repairs of \$2,910. The applicant is already in business and owns the three (3) additional vehicles it will be operating. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has proven its financial suitability to operate the requested vehicles.

With regard to suitability, the applicant provided the department with the requisite criminal conviction history forms for the four members of the limited liability corporation which each showed no convictions. These criminal record checks are filed in the applicant's permanent authority file. The applicant has been operating in intrastate livery service since March 2014 and to this date has no citation actions against the company. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to be granted the additional authority for three (3) vehicles.

The applicant is also required to prove that public convenience and necessity would be improved by a grant of this application. In that regard, the applicant presented three (3) witnesses who prefer using the applicant's service and whose requests have, on occasion, been declined by the applicant due to lack of intrastate authority or large enough vehicles. The applicant's business has taken off since it started in March 2014 and it clearly has enough livery requests to utilize an additional three (3) vehicles. In addition, the applicant's proximity to Bradley Airport has resulted in a high demand from hotels and business travelers near the airport. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has proven public convenience and necessity.

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, the application of Jaguar Limo, LLC. is hereby granted and Livery Permit Number 3382 is hereby amended and reissued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NO. 3382 FOR THE OPERATION OF LIVERY SERVICE

Jaguar Limo, LLC. is hereby permitted and authorized to operate six (6) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, in general livery service from a headquarters in Granby to all points in Connecticut.

Jaguar Limo, LLC. is also permitted and authorized to operate motor vehicles as a common carrier of passengers, in charter and special operations, in interstate commerce under such authorization as issued or amended by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in the issuance of certificate number MC-857155-P.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register the three (3) vehicles granted under this decision within

Jaguar Limo, LLC

Docket No.1406-AV-104-L

Page 4 of 5

sixty (60) days from the date of this decision.

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 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 the rules, regulations and orders of the department may from time to time prescribe thereunder may result in a citation action against the permit holder.

A memorandum of this permit, bearing the seal of the department, shall be kept conspicuously posted in the motor vehicles operated under this permit.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 29th day of October 2014.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Judith Almeida

Staff Attorney III

Administrative Law Unit

Bureau of Finance and Administration