

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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## DOCKET NO. 2111-N-98-L

RE: APPLICATION OF ADAM LIMOUSINE INC TO OPERATE ONE (1) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLE, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTH WINDSOR.

**DECISION** 

**FEBRUARY 22, 2022** 

### I. INTRODUCTION

## A. APPLICATION

By application filed on November 16, 2021, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Adam Limousine Inc (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 260 Pleasant Valley Road, South Windsor, Connecticut 06074 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 South Windsor.

#### B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on February 8, 2022.

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. <u>APPEARANCES</u>

Ali Essafi appeared on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 260 Pleasant Valley Road, South Windsor, Connecticut 06074.

Attorney Michael Stone represented the applicant. His mailing address is 129 Church Street, Suite 806, New Haven, CT 06510.

# II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in South Windsor.
  - 2. The applicant proposes to operate a 2017 Chevy Suburban which is paid for.
- 3. The applicant has been a livery driver for twenty years. The applicant also owned his own livery company which went out of business during the pandemic.

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- 4. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$2,707, maintenance costs of \$900, property tax of \$372, advertising costs of \$300 and communication costs of \$450.
  - 5. The applicant has \$6,911 in a business bank account.
- 6. The applicant presented eight letters of recommendation from other transportation providers who wish to work with the applicant.
  - 7. The applicant also presented three witnesses in support of the application.
- 8. The applicant will be operating out of his house. There are no zoning issues operating a home office in this residence.
  - 9. The applicant provides good customer service in a timely professional manner.
- 10. The applicant will get customers by referrals as he has an extensive network of livery operators.
  - 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 the only member, Ali Essafi, which disclosed no criminal record. Mr. Essafi has twenty years' experience transporting the public in livery service. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to conduct the proposed livery business.

Docket No. 2111-N-98-L Adam Limousine Inc Page 3 of 6 As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence that the first six months of expenses includes: insurance costs of \$2,707, maintenance costs of \$900, property tax of \$372, advertising costs of \$300 and communication costs of \$450 for a total expense of \$4,729. The applicant has \$6,911 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 many contacts in the livery community from his over twenty years as a driver. He received an overwhelming amount of support from the industry which speaks highly of his service and the need to be able to receive referrals from those companies. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant will receive authorization for intrastate livery service.

## IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application in the name of Adam Limousine Inc is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3731 is hereby issued as follows:

# **LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3731**

Adam Limousine Inc 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 South Windsor.

# **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

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Dated at Newington, Connecticut on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2022.

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