

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2202-N-18-L

RE: APPLICATION OF MD AKBAR UDDIN DBA SUPER UNIQUE LIMO TO OPERATE TWO (2) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLES, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN HAMDEN

DECISION

APRIL 12, 2022

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on February 24, 2022, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, MD Akbar Uddin dba Super Unique Limo (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 339 Auger Street, Hamden, Connecticut 06517 seeks authorization to operate two (2) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in Hamden.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on April 5, 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. APPEARANCES

MD Akbar Uddin appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 339 Auger Street, Hamden, Connecticut 06517.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant initially sought to operate two (2) motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Hamden. The applicant owns a 2015 Toyota which was to be the second livery vehicle which he turned into a taxi and therefore that vehicle was no longer available to be used in the livery service. As a result, the applicant decided to seek only one (1) livery permit at this time.
 - 2. The applicant proposes to operate a 2010 Toyota Camry which is paid for.
- 3. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$4,105, maintenance costs of \$1,800, property tax of \$67 and advertising costs of \$210.

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- 4. The applicant has \$14,125 in a bank account.
- 5. The applicant has operated a three-vehicle taxicab company since 2010.
- 6. The applicant will be operating out of his house. There are no zoning issues operating a home office in this residence.
 - 7. The applicant will seek to perform work for transportation broker Veyo.
- 8. The applicant will get also get customers through his relationship with the Omni Hotel in New Haven which regularly refers him livery work as a preferred provider.
 - 9. The applicant will also work with the Yale University community.
 - 10. The applicant has three drivers available to drive the livery vehicle.
- 11. Some of the applicant's taxicab customers have asked for him to provide livery service.
 - 12. 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 owner MD Akbar Uddin, which disclosed no criminal record. Mr. Uddin has been operating a taxicab business successfully for ten years. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to conduct the proposed livery business.

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 \$4,105, maintenance costs of \$1,800, property tax of \$67 and advertising costs of \$210 for a total expense of \$6,182. The applicant has \$14,125 in a bank account to cover these startup expenses and is therefore financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant plans to work with Veyo to get trip referrals, network with existing customers and with the Omni Hotel where he is a preferred provider. 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 MD Akbar Uddin dba Super Unique Limo is hereby granted and Livery Permit Number 3735 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3735

MD Akbar Uddin dba Super Unique Limo 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 Hamden.

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 12th day of April 2022.

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