



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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DOCKET NUMBER 0610-C-54-L

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE CITATION OF PRIME TIME LIMOUSINE, INC.

Final Decision

August 1, 2007

## I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

#### A. General

By citation dated April 23, 2007, issued by the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, Prime Time Limousine, Inc. (hereinafter "respondent"), holder of Livery Permit Number 2546 was ordered to come before the department to answer allegations made therein.

Pursuant to said citation, the respondent was directed to appear at the Newington office of the Department of Transportation to show cause why Permit Number 2546 for the operation of vehicles in livery service should not be suspended or revoked or a civil penalty imposed for violation of Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, et seq. for allowing a motor vehicle bearing Connecticut marker plate number Z7823Z to operate in intrastate livery service without an intrastate permit in violation of Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103(a) and operate without intrastate livery marker plates in violation of Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-27(d).

The citation was served upon the respondent by first class and certified mail and recited the department's reasons for issuing same.

#### B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the public hearing for this citation was held without the respondent in attendance on July 19, 2007. This hearing was originally scheduled to be held on April 24, 2007 but the respondent requested a postponement. A new Notice of Hearing was mailed to the respondent on April 23, 2007 for a revised hearing date of July 19, 2007. The respondent's vice president, Leo Pedone, signed the green card indicating receipt of the Notice of Hearing. The department received the signed green card back on April 25, 2007 with Mr. Pedone's signature. The respondent failed to attend the hearing on July 19, 2007.

Notice of the citation and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the respondent and to such other parties as required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended.

The hearing on this matter was conducted by a hearing officer designated by the Commissioner of Transportation, pursuant to Section 13b-17 of the General Statutes.

#### C. Appearances

The respondent failed to make an appearance in this matter. The respondent's mailing address is 30 Commerce Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06902.

Robert Colucci, Supervising Special Investigator with the Regulatory and Compliance Unit of the Department of Transportation, presented the evidence in this matter.

#### II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The respondent is holder of Livery Permit Number 2546 and is authorized to operate in interstate and intrastate livery service from a headquarters in Stamford.
- 2. An interview with respondent's driver confirmed that on May 4, 2006, a vehicle bearing Connecticut marker plate number Z7823Z, was attempting to perform an intrastate livery trip from Bradley International Airport to Danbury.
  - 3. The respondent failed to appear at the hearing.

### III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the operation of motor vehicles in livery service in the State of Connecticut accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, as amended.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103 the department may amend, or for sufficient cause suspend or revoke any such permit. Further, the department may impose a civil penalty on any person who violates any provision of the governing chapter or any regulation adopted under Section 13b-102 through 13b-109, as amended, with respect to fares, service, operation or equipment, in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars per day for each violation.

The evidence in this matter shows that the respondent is holder of Permit Number 2546 and is authorized to operate livery vehicles in interstate and intrastate livery service. The evidence further shows that the respondent dispatched one of its livery vehicles with marker plate Z7823Z to Bradley International Airport to pick up passengers and transport them to Danbury. While at Bradley International Airport, the vehicle was stopped by state police and the driver confirmed the intrastate nature of the trip.

This hearing was scheduled for July 19, 2007 but the respondent failed to appear. The vice-president of the respondent's company, Leo Pedone signed the green card indicating receipt of the Notice of Hearing prior to the green card being returned to the Department of Transportation on April 25, 2007. Since the respondent failed to appear at the hearing, the respondent's Livery Permit Number 2546 will be revoked.

#### IV. ORDER

Based on the above, Livery Permit Number 2546, standing in the name of Prime Time Limousine, Inc., is herby revoked. The revocation shall become effective fifteen (15) days from the date of this final decision.

This Final Decision constitutes notice in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-182(c).

Dated in Newington, Connecticut this 1st day of August 2007.

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