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DOCKET NUMBER 1008-C-69-T
(Case No. TX-6-1110-24)

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE CITATION OF WASHINGTON
CAB COMPANY, INC. D.B.A. WASHINGTON CAB CO.

Final Decision

October 20, 2010

I. INTRODUCTION

A. General

By citation dated September 3, 2010, by the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "Department"), pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, Washington Cab Company, Inc. d.b.a. Washington Cab Co. (hereinafter "respondent"), holder of Certificate Number 1116, was ordered to come before the Department to answer the 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 Certificate Number 1116, issued for the operation of taxicab service, should not be suspended or revoked or a civil penalty imposed for violation of its certificate pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-96, et seq.

More specifically, it is alleged that the respondent violated Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-96 and the following Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies:

1. Section 13b-96-20-Interruption of Service
2. Section 13b-96-21-Discontinuation of Service
3. Section 13b-96-22-Registration and Insurance

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

B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Section 13b-96 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the public hearing for this citation was held on October 5, 2010.

Notice of the citation and the hearing to be held thereon was given to the respondent and to such other parties as required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-96, 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 Connecticut General Statutes.

C. Appearances

The respondent failed to appear at the hearing. The respondent's mailing address is 519 Heritage Road, Southbury, Connecticut 06488.

Eugene Morris, Transportation Public Transit Inspector with the Regulatory and Compliance Unit, presented evidence on behalf of the department.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Washington Cab Company is the holder of Certificate 1116 and is authorized to operate one (1) motor vehicle in taxicab service in Kent, New Milford, Roxbury, Washington and one (1) motor vehicle in Woodbury.
2. On June 17, 2010, the Department discovered that the respondent violated several Department regulations, sections 13b-96-20-Interruption of Service, 13b-96-21-Discontinuation of Service and 13b-96-22-Registration and Insurance by failing to have any motor vehicles registered in taxicab service.
3. The violations were discovered when it was revealed that the respondent did not have any vehicles registered for the past three years.
4. The respondent failed to appear at the hearing.
5. The Citation Notice for this hearing was returned to the Department as the respondent failed to claim the certified letter after several attempts at delivery.

III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the operation of motor vehicles in taxicab service in the State of Connecticut accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-96, as amended.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-97, 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-96, as amended, with respect to fares, service, operation or equipment, in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars per day for each violation.

The evidence shows that the respondent violated several Department regulations. Specifically, the respondent violated sections 13b-96-20-Interruption of Service, 13b-96-21-Discontinuation of Service and 13b-96-22-Registration and Insurance.

The respondent failed to claim the certified letter giving it notice of the citation hearing and failed to appear at the hearing. As a result of the respondent's failure to appear, the respondent's taxicab certificate is hereby revoked.

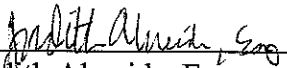
IV. ORDER

Based on the above, Taxicab Certificate Number 1116, standing in the name of Washington Cab Company, Inc. d.b.a. Washington Cab Co. is hereby revoked, said revocation to be 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 at Newington, Connecticut on this the 20th day of October 2010.

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