

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NUMBER 1201-C-69-L

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE CITATION OF SUPREME LIMOUSINE, LLC. D.B.A. SUPREME TRANSPORTATION

Final Decision

October 23, 2012

I. INTRODUCTION

A. General

By citation dated August 15, 2013, by the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, Supreme Limousine, LLC. d.b.a. Supreme Transportation (hereinafter "respondent"), holder of Certificate Number 2515, 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 Permit Number 2515, issued for the operation of livery service, should not be suspended or revoked or a civil penalty imposed for violation of its certificate pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, et seq.

More specifically, it is alleged that the respondent violated Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103 for failure to have an active headquarters.

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

B. <u>Hearing Held</u>

Pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the public hearing for this citation was held on October 18, 2012.

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-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 Connecticut General Statutes.

C. Appearances

Abdul Majid appeared on behalf of the respondent. The respondent was represented by Matthew Forrest, Esq. Mr. Forrest's mailing address is 25 Spring Street, Wethersfield, Connecticut 06109.

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

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The respondent is the holder of livery permit 2515 in the name of Supreme Limousine, LLC. d.b.a. Supreme Transportation.
- 2. The respondent has agreed to a stipulated judgment regarding its headquarters violation. The respondent has been operating a headquarters in Farmington instead of Wethersfield.
- 3. The respondent will pay a civil penalty of \$7,000 for failure to maintain a Wethersfield headquarters address.
- 4. The respondent filed a transfer of headquarters application to move its headquarters from Wethersfield to Farmington in 2011. This application was assigned Docket Number 1201-TH-3-L.

5. The department will expedite, to the extent possible, the transfer application.

III. CONCLUSION

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-103, 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 respondent has violated the Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103 by not having its headquarters in Wethersfield as required by its livery permit. The respondent has reached an agreement with the Regulatory and Compliance Unit that it will pay a \$7,000 civil penalty. The respondent already has a transfer of headquarters application on file, Docket Number 1201-TH-3-T, that Regulatory will processes as soon as possible.

IV. ORDER

Based on the above, the respondent is hereby ordered to pay to the Department of Transportation, a civil penalty in the amount of SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,000), by certified check, bank check or money order made payable to the "Treasurer, State of Connecticut," within SIXTY (60) days from the date of this final decision.

Failure of the respondent to comply with this order shall result in revocation without further proceeding.

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

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this the 23rd day of October 2012.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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