



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 1209-N-137-T

RE: APPLICATION OF A ONE TAXI TO OPERATE THREE (3) MOTOR VEHICLES IN TAXICAB SERVICE WITHIN AND TO AND FROM THE TOWNS OF HAMDEN, NEW HAVEN, ORANGE, BRANFORD, EAST HAVEN AND WEST HAVEN.

DECISION

November 1, 2017

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. Applicant's Proposal

By application filed on September 27, 2012, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-97 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, A One Taxi (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 218 Hemmingway Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut 06512 seeks authorization to operate three (3) motor vehicles in taxicab service within and to and from the towns of Hamden, New Haven, Orange, Branford, East Haven and West Haven.

### B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Section 13b-97(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held at the Department of Transportation in Newington, Connecticut on October 17, 2017.

Notice of the application and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the applicant and to such other parties as required by Section 13b-97(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended. Legal notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website.

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

### C. Appearances

Mrs. Ada Sanchez appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 218 Hemmingway Avenue, East Haven, Connecticut 06512.

### D. Company Name

The application was filed under the name of A One Taxi. Since the applicant, Mrs. Sanchez, is a sole proprietor the application should have been in her

own name. The money in the bank account is also listed in the name of Ada Sanchez and not in the name of A One Taxi therefore, the authority must be issued as Ada Sanchez. Should Ms. Sanchez assume the name of A One Taxi at a later date, she should file the appropriate paperwork with the Secretary of State and the department.

E. Application Amendment

The applicant has voluntarily decided to reduce the number of taxicabs requested from three to two.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant is seeking to operate two (2) motor vehicles in taxicab service within and to and from the towns of Hamden, New Haven, Orange, Branford, East Haven and West Haven.

2. At the hearing, the applicant reduced the taxicab request to two (2) taxicabs from the original three (3).

3. Mrs. Sanchez also owns and operates Ada's Taxi which has authority to operate two (2) taxicabs in Hamden, Cheshire and New Haven.

4. Alejandro Ayala operates a car dealership and garage in West Haven. His customers sometimes need taxicab service which the applicant is unable to provide because West Haven is not in her service area.

5. The applicant has a 2014 Honda CRV that she is financing which will be used in the service. An independent contractor will provide a 2008 Nissan as the second vehicle.

6. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes advertising of \$210, office expenses of \$260, property tax of \$410, legal fees of \$540, car payments of \$2,233, equipment costs of \$700 and insurance costs of \$7,500 for a total expense of \$11,853.

7. Julio Vital and his family use Ada's taxi service several times a week in

the West Haven area. He is unhappy with the other existing taxicab service because they are not prompt.

8. Joan Acevedo is the applicant's, Ada Sanchez, son. He plans to get his public service license and drive for this company. Fabio Acevedo is the applicant's husband. Mr. Acevedo and Mrs. Sanchez both have their public service license and may drive for the company.

9. The applicant is receiving calls for towns their taxicab company can't handle. They routinely get requests from people who live in East Haven and Branford who see their vehicles around town and call them for service.

10. The applicant provides a good customer service.

11. The applicant needs to expand its limited territory to better service its customers.

12. Mrs. Sanchez has cash in Key Bank and Wells Fargo totaling \$12,871.

13. There was no opposition to this application.

### III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over common carriers, which include each person, association, limited liability company or corporation owning or operating a taxicab in the State of Connecticut in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-96, as amended. The Department is authorized to prescribe regulations with respect to fares, service, operation and equipment, as it deems necessary for the convenience, protection and safety of the passengers and the public.

Pursuant to Section 13b-97(a), as amended, any person who applies for authority to operate a taxicab shall obtain from the Department a certificate of public convenience and necessity certifying that the public's convenience and necessity requires the operation of a taxicab or taxicabs for the transportation of passengers. No certificate shall be issued unless the department finds that the person is suitable to operate a taxicab service. In so doing, the department must

take into consideration any convictions of the applicant under federal, state or local laws relative to safety, motor vehicle or criminal violations, the number of taxicabs to be operated under the certificate, the adequacy of the applicant's financial resources to operate the service, the adequacy of insurance coverage and safety equipment and the availability of qualified operators.

With regard to suitability, the applicant submitted State Police Bureau of Identification Criminal History Form for Ada Sanchez which shows no criminal history. Ms. Sanchez has been operating another taxi company for several years without incident. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to be granted the taxicab certificate.

As far as the applicant's financial suitability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence that the applicant's first six months of expenses includes advertising of \$210, office expenses \$260, property tax of \$410, legal fees of \$540, car payments of \$2,233, equipment costs of \$700 and insurance costs of \$7,500 for a total expense of \$11,853. Ms. Sanchez has cash in Key Bank and Wells Fargo totaling \$12,871 which is enough to cover the cost for two (2) vehicles.

With regard to qualified drivers, Mrs. Sanchez has a public service license as does her husband and both have agreed to drive for the company. In addition, the applicant's son, Joan, is in the process of getting his public service license and the applicant has two other individuals who want to drive for her. Based on this evidence, the applicant has shown a sufficient amount of drivers for the two vehicles she has requested.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant presented witnesses who use her other taxicab service and can't get rides due to its limited territory. The applicant clearly provides good customer service and the public will benefit from a grant of this application.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Therefore, based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-97, as amended, the application of Ada Sanchez is hereby granted in part and Certificate 1241 is issued as follows:

**CERTIFICATE NUMBER 1241**  
**FOR THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN TAXICAB SERVICE**

Ada Sanchez is hereby permitted and authorized to operate two (2) motor vehicles in taxicab service within and to and from Hamden, New Haven, Orange, Branford, East Haven and West Haven.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

**The applicant must register the two (2) vehicles granted under this certificate within sixty (60) days from the date of this decision.**

This certificate may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational, i.e., its vehicles registered with taxicab plates thereunder, for not less than twenty-four (24) consecutive months. This certificate is transferable only with the approval of the department.

This certificate shall remain in effect until it is amended, suspended, or revoked by the department. Failure of the certificate holder to maintain proper insurance and/or to comply with all pertinent motor vehicle laws and other State statutes and/or the rules, regulations and orders of the department, as this department may from time to time prescribe, shall be considered sufficient cause to amend, suspend or revoke this certificate.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 1st day of November 2017.

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