



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 1301-EXP-176-T

RE: EXPEDITED APPLICATION OF TRAVEL TAXI, LLC TO OPERATE ONE (1)
MOTOR VEHICLE IN TAXICAB SERVICE WITHIN AND TO AND FROM THE
TOWNS OF CHESHIRE, HAMDEN AND NEW HAVEN.

DECISION

JANUARY 12, 2017

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Applicant's Proposal

By expedited application filed on January 29, 2013, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-97(a)(4) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Travel Taxi, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 347 Boston Post Road, Orange, Connecticut 06477 seeks authorization to operate one (1) additional motor vehicle in taxicab service within and to and from the towns of Cheshire, Hamden and New Haven.

The applicant currently operates one (1) taxicab within Cheshire, Hamden and New Haven.

B. Hearing Scheduled

Pursuant to Section 13b-97 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, a public hearing was scheduled on this expedited application at the Department of Transportation in Newington, Connecticut on January 10, 2017. This expedited application would have been granted on the papers by the Regulatory and Compliance Unit but for an opposition letter filed by Transportation General, Inc. dba Metro Taxi on April 29, 2013. As a result of that letter, a hearing was scheduled.

Since Transportation General dba Metro Taxi did not appear at the hearing and no other opposition appeared at the hearing, this case reverted back to an expedited application as it was originally filed.

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. Notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website and by a newspaper legal notice.

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

Mr. Muniruzzaman Gomosta appeared on behalf of the applicant. The applicant was represented by Attorney W. Martyn Philpot, Jr. with a mailing address of 409 Orange Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06511.

Transportation General dba Metro Taxi did not appear at the hearing despite receiving a notice of the hearing.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant is seeking to operate one (1) motor vehicle in taxicab service within and to and from the towns of Cheshire, Hamden and New Haven through an expedited application filed on January 29, 2013.

2. This expedited application would have been granted without hearing except for a letter of opposition filed by Transportation General dba Metro Taxi on April 29, 2013. As a result of this opposition letter, a hearing was scheduled.

3. Metro Taxi failed to appear at the hearing on January 10, 2017.

4. The applicant has a bank balance of \$8,707 in a Wells Fargo Bank.

5. The applicant's expenses for the first six months of service total \$8,270 for insurance, maintenance, legal expenses, dispatch, office expenses and property tax.

6. The applicant has submitted an updated criminal record check which shows nothing which would prevent the applicant from receiving one additional taxi certificate.

7. The applicant has been in the taxi business with one (1) vehicle since June 2010.

8. No opposition to the application appeared at the hearing.

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)(4) the department may amend an existing certificate to increase the number of taxicabs without a hearing if no opposition is received. After a public notice was issued on this matter, the only opposition received by the department was from Transportation General dba Metro Taxi. Transportation General dba Metro Taxi failed to appear at the public hearing scheduled on January 10, 2017, therefore the application will be treated as an expedited application with no opposition.

With regard to suitability, the applicant submitted State Police Bureau of Identification Criminal History Form for Muniruzzaman Gomosta which showed no history which would prevent the department for granting the applicant one (1) additional 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 will be adequately funded by its bank account surplus. This analysis was done in preparation of the hearing and is not required when filing an expedited application.

As a result of the analysis performed on the expedited application, the applicant will receive a grant of one (1) additional vehicle.

IV. CONCLUSION

Therefore, based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-97(a)(4), as amended, the application of is hereby granted and certificate 1217 is reissued as follows:

CERTIFICATE NUMBER 1217
FOR THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN TAXICAB SERVICE

Travel Taxi, LLC is hereby permitted and authorized to operate two (2) motor vehicles in taxicab service within and to and from Cheshire, Hamden and New Haven.

RESTRICTIONS:

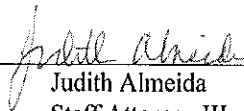
The applicant must register the one (1) vehicle granted under this certificate within sixty (60) days from the date of this decision.

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 12th day of January 2017.

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