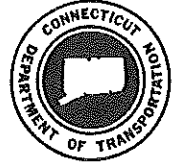


STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 1305-EXP-248-T

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

DECISION

JUNE 16, 2017

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. Applicant's Proposal

By application filed on May 14, 2013, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-97 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, All American Cab, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 33 Kenneth Street, Apt. 5-4b, West Haven, Connecticut 06516 seeks authorization under the expedited application to operate one (1) motor vehicle in taxicab service within and to and from the towns of Cheshire, Hamden and New 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 June 15, 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

Ayman El Salam appeared on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 33 Kenneth Street, Apt. 5-4b, West Haven, Connecticut 06516. The applicant was represented by Fatos Koleci, Esq. with a mailing address of 1087 Broad Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bridgeport 06604.

### D. Expedited Application

When the application was originally filed in 2013 it was for one (1) vehicle in the expedited application process. After the department received notification of opposition from Transportation General in 2013, the application was scheduled for a hearing. Since no one appeared in opposition to the application at the hearing, after being duly notified, the application will be treated as an expedited application as originally filed.

## II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) additional taxicab within and to and from

Cheshire, Hamden and New Haven.

2. The applicant originally filed for an expedited application which requires no hearing however, the applicant received opposition from Transportation General in 2013 forcing the matter to hearing.

3. Due to the vast number of applications filed in the New Haven area, this application had to wait several years before being heard.

4. No opposition from Transportation General appeared at the hearing on June 15, 2017.

5. The applicant submitted two up to date criminal record checks one for Ayman El Salam and one for his wife, Samah Moteir, each showing no criminal record.

6. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$3,887, repairs of \$1,400, property tax of \$150, motor vehicle purchase costs of \$7,000, communication of \$1,200, meters, paint and decals of \$995 and marketing of \$20.

7. The applicant has \$18,437 in a Bank of America account.

8. The applicant appeared at the hearing with several witnesses ready to testify in this matter.

9. The applicant operates one (1) motor vehicle in taxicab service which is registered and insured.

### 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 Regulation of Connecticut State Agencies Section 13b-96-8 and Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-97, an applicant may file for one (1) additional taxicab without hearing unless the department receives opposition to that application. Although opposition to this case was originally filed in 2013, no one appeared to oppose the application at the hearing in 2017 after notice was notice was duly given.

With regard to suitability, the applicant submitted updated State Police Bureau of

Identification Criminal History Forms for Ayman El Salam and his wife Samah Moteir which showed no criminal record. The applicant is already operating its taxicab service with one vehicle and is suitable for this grant of one (1) additional vehicle.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence that the applicant's six months of expenses include insurance of \$3,887, repairs of \$1,400, property tax of \$150, a motor vehicle purchase of \$7,000, communication of \$1,200, meters, paint and decals of \$995 and marketing of \$20 for a total expense of \$14,652. The applicant has \$18,437 in a Bank of America account which is more than sufficient to handle these costs.

The applicant is currently in operation with one (1) taxicab and has been in service since 2008. The one vehicle used in the current business is registered and insured. Based on the evidence presented, the expedited application will be granted.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Therefore, based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-97, as amended, the application of All American Cab, LLC is hereby granted.

### **CERTIFICATE NUMBER 1207** **FOR THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN TAXICAB SERVICE**

All American Cab, 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) additional vehicle granted under this decision 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 16th day of June 2017.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

  
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