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DOCKET NO. 1310-N-361-L

RE: APPLICATION OF JAQUAR LIMO, LLC TO OPERATE THREE (3)
MOTOR VEHICLES, HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY TEN (10) ADULTS
OR LESS, IN GENERAL LIVERY SERVICE BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN
CONNECTICUT FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN GRANBY,
CONNECTICUT.

FINAL DECISION

February 10, 2014

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Application

On October 17, 2013, Jaquar Limo, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") filed an application with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), seeking authority to operate three (3) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of ten (10) adults or less, in general livery service between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in Granby, Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §13b-103, as amended.

B. Hearing

A public hearing on this application was held on January 30, 2014, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §13b-103(a).

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 General Statutes §13b-103(a)(1). Legal notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website at www.ct.gov/dot.

A hearing officer was designated by the Commissioner of Transportation to conduct the hearing on this matter, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §13b-17.

C. Appearances

The applicant appeared through its members Amr Zeineldin, Hesham Eid, Yaser Barakat, and Adil Ibrahim. Zeineldin represented the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 7 Polk Lane, Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

No opposition was filed and no one appeared at the hearing in opposition to the application.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks authority to operate three motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Granby.

2. There is no livery service presently operating from a headquarters in Granby.

3. Marcel Kerdauid is a pilot and works for Federal Express in East Granby. He flies out of Bradley International Airport and requires transportation to and

from, and within the airport. He has used taxicabs and is very disappointed with the service. He wants to use the applicant's livery service which will ensure that he has guaranteed transportation when he needs it to and from his office to the airport and from different terminals at the airport. He will use the applicant's service four to eight times a month.

4. William Lyon lives in Simsbury and travels internationally for his job. He has had problems getting reliable transportation services to the airport. He is looking for consistency and reliability in transportation. He has need for a local livery service and would use the applicant's service at least every other week.

5. Stephanie Haeney is a healthcare consultant, lives in Bloomfield, and travels extensively. She has been unable to find reliable livery service in Bloomfield or in close proximity to Bloomfield, and she has found that the taxi service is unreliable. She would use the applicant's service at least two times a week for work and sporadically at vacation time.

6. Lynn Agostin-Dismukes lives in Collinsville. Her husband travels extensively and she has had trouble finding local livery service that is dependable. She would like to use the applicant's service for trips to the casino.

7. George Matt has lived in Simsbury since 1947 and has been in the real estate business for 43 years. He is aware of the need for a local livery business from his experience through his clientele, who would use the service for travel to Bradley. He also supports the applicant because he wants to see a local livery business for the four private schools in the area who would use limousines for proms.

8. Having a local livery service with a headquarters in the subject area would be less costly for the general public in Granby and surrounding towns.

9. Amr Zeineldin, Hesham Eid, Yaser Barakat, and Adil Ibrahim, owners and members of the applicant company each have over 5 years of experience in driving from their prior work as drivers for various taxicab companies.

10. The owners/managers of the applicant, each of whom will be a driver for the company, are familiar with the rules and regulations governing livery service and none have a criminal conviction history.

11. The applicant has a cash balance on hand of \$47,000 as of December 2013. The applicant also has a Lincoln Town Car with a fair market value of \$9,999 that has been donated by one of the owners. Another donated vehicle, a Chrysler Town and Country Van, with a fair market value of \$2,889 will be used as a trade-in to purchase two additional vehicles, which will be paid for outright.

12. The applicant's estimated expenses for the first six months of operation include rent at a cost of \$2,100, advertising and marketing at a cost of \$600, repairs and maintenance estimated at \$1,800, property taxes at a cost of \$1,050, insurance costs of \$7,400 for a total of \$34,388, leaving a surplus of \$15,502.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The department has jurisdiction over each person, association, limited liability company or corporation owning or operating a motor vehicle in livery service, pursuant to General Statutes §13b-102, as amended.

In determining whether a livery permit should be granted, the department shall take into consideration the present or future public convenience and necessity. The applicant must prove that the public's convenience and necessity will be improved by the proposed service. Additionally, the applicant must show the suitability of the applicant or the suitability of the management if the applicant is a limited liability company or corporation, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of the applicant efficiently and properly to perform the service for which authority is requested and the fitness, willingness and ability of the applicant to conform to the provisions of the statutes and the requirements and regulations of the department thereunder, in accordance with General Statutes §13b-103(a).

The applicant provided substantial evidence to support a conclusion that the applicant possesses the financial wherewithal to operate the proposed service. The applicant has sufficient funds to start the company and maintain the business for at least six months. In addition, the applicant's management possesses the suitability to operate the proposed service and to operate the business within the confines of the regulatory scheme for livery service. Lastly, several witnesses appeared to testify to the fact that they wanted a local livery service; they testified that dependable, reliable livery service is non-existent in the area and the witnesses testified that they would use the applicant's business on a consistent basis. Accordingly, a grant of authority to this applicant would improve the present and future public convenience and necessity.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §13b-103, the application of Jaquar Limo, LLC is hereby approved and Permit Number 3382 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NO. 3382
FOR THE OPERATION OF LIVERY SERVICE

Jaquar Limo, LLC is hereby permitted and authorized to operate three (3) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than ten (10) adults, in GENERAL LIVERY SERVICE between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in Granby, Connecticut.

This Permit may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational, i.e., a vehicle registered with the livery plates thereunder, for not less than twenty-four (24) consecutive months.

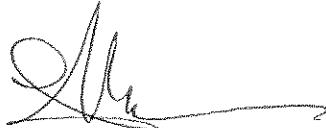
This Permit shall remain in effect until it is amended, suspended or revoked by the Department. Failure of the Permit holder to maintain proper insurance and/or comply with all pertinent motor vehicle laws and other State statutes and/or the rules, regulations and orders of the Department shall be considered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

This Permit is transferable only with the approval of the Department and is issued subject to compliance by the holder hereof with all motor vehicle laws of the State of Connecticut, and with such rules, regulations and orders as this Department may from time to time prescribe.

A memorandum of this Permit, bearing the seal of the Department, shall be kept conspicuously posted in the motor vehicles operated under this Permit.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut, on this 10th day of February 2014.

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