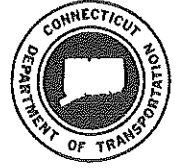


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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 1608-N-84-HHG

RE: APPLICATION OF HANDS ON MOVING, LLC TO OPERATE
MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF HOUSEHOLD
GOODS FOR HIRE, AS A HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIER, OVER
IRREGULAR ROUTES BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT
UPON CALLS RECEIVED FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN NEW
HAVEN.

FINAL DECISION

October 14, 2016

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Applicant's Proposal

By application filed on August 2, 2016, pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and assigned Docket No. 1608-N-84-HHG, Hands On Moving, LLC (hereinafter "applicant"), with a mailing address of 196 Putnam Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut 06517 seeks authorization from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department") to operate motor vehicles in the transportation of household goods for hire, as a household goods carrier, over irregular routes between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in New Haven.

B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-390, a hearing on this application was held at the administrative office of the Department, in Newington, Connecticut, on October 13, 2016.

Notice of the application and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the applicant and to other parties as required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-390. Notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website.

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

C. Appearances

Xzavier Richardson appeared on behalf of the applicant. The applicant was represented by Attorney Joseph Fournier with a mailing address of 42 Thompson Street, Suite 1F, East Haven, CT 06513.

II. FINDING OF FACT

1. The applicant is seeking to operate a household moving service from a headquarters in New Haven.

2. The applicant is currently operating a labor only moving business and wants to expand into the transportation aspect.

3. The applicant wants to specialize in small moves with short notice.

4. The applicant has provided over 900 labor only moves since starting his business in 2014.

5. Mr. Richardson received a Business Management degree from Southern State University graduating in 2015.

6. Eugene Reznitsky is a client of the applicant. He had a very favorable experience using the applicant's labor only service which he was able to do on short notice.

7. Delores Strode is a New Haven based real estate agent. She refers the applicant to her customers and had very positive feedback on his service.

8. There has been a substantial increase in the New Haven population and more increases are expected.

9. Marni Esposito is the outgoing president of BNI, Business Networking International. The applicant is part of the Elm City chapter of that organization. The applicant is the only moving company in the New Haven County chapter. The applicant has received 27 moving referrals while a member of this organization.

10. The applicant will buy or lease a box truck to perform the moves.

11. The applicant's first six months of expenses include rent of \$1002, insurance of \$3,996, repairs of \$130, property tax of \$466, legal expenses of \$450, vehicle payments of \$2,181, and cell phone charges of \$600 for a total cost of \$9,174.

12. The applicant has \$9,174 cash in a Wells Fargo account.

13. There was no opposition to this application.

III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over any person operating any motor vehicle in the transportation of household goods for hire as a household goods carrier pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Further, no person shall operate as a household goods carrier, within Connecticut, without first obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity to so operate.

In determining whether such a certificate shall be granted, the Commissioner of Transportation shall take into consideration the existing motor transportation facilities and the effect upon them of granting such a certificate, the suitability of the applicant, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of the applicant efficiently to perform the service for which the authority is requested, the criminal history of the applicant, the condition of and effect upon the highways involved and the safety of the public using such highways, pursuant to Section 13b-392 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The first criterion to be taken into account is the effect on the existing motor carrier

facilities by granting the certificate. This application was not opposed by any existing motor carrier so it appears that there would not be any effect on the existing motor carrier facilities if this application were granted.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence that the applicant's six months of start-up costs includes rent of \$1,002, insurance of \$3,996, repairs of \$130, property tax of \$466, legal expenses of \$450, vehicle payments of \$2,181, and cell phone charges of \$600 for a total cost of \$8,826. The applicant has \$9,174 cash in a Wells Fargo Account. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has sufficient funds to cover the first six months of expenses.

The applicant submitted a criminal record check for Xzavier Richardson which shows no criminal record. Mr. Richardson has a Business Management degree and has been in business for two years performing a labor only moving service. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to handle this proposed operation.

Also to be considered is the ability of the applicant to efficiently perform the service for which the authority is requested and the condition of and effect upon the highways involved and the safety of the public using such highways. The applicant will be utilizing a box truck in the business. It is unlikely that this one vehicle will have any effect on the highways or the safety of the public. The applicant already has moving experience and will be able to efficiently perform the service. The applicant also presented witnesses who have used his good quality service and will continue to refer him to other clients.

Based upon the evidence presented, the applicant has proven all of the necessary elements to be granted a certificate to operate.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Section 13b-391 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the application of Hands On Moving, LLC is hereby granted and Certificate Number 1785 is issued as follows:

CERTIFICATE NUMBER 1785
TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PROPERTY
FOR HIRE AS A MOTOR COMMON CARRIER

Hands On Moving, LLC is hereby permitted and authorized, subject to such regulations and conditions as the department may from time to time prescribe, to transport property for hire as a motor common carrier over irregular routes as follows:

Household goods, within the State of Connecticut, between all points upon calls received at its headquarters in New Haven.

The certificate holder must accept and transport property, as herein authorized in accordance with its tariff on file, for all persons who desire the service to the extent of the certificate holder's facilities at uniform rate for all similar service.

CONDITIONS:

A motor vehicle must be registered under this certificate within sixty (60) days from the date of this decision.

There shall be carried in each vehicle operated under this authority a copy of the certificate registration receipt by the department.

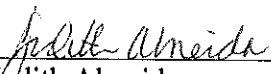
This certificate shall remain in effect until suspended, amended or revoked by the department. Failure of the certificate holder to maintain proper insurance or to comply with all motor vehicle laws and other pertinent State statutes and/or the rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be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

This certificate may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational for more than twenty-four (24) months.

This certificate is transferable only with the approval of the department and is issued subject to compliance by the holder thereof 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.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 14th day of October.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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