

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 1812-N-149-L

RE: APPLICATION OF DILIGENT SERVICE PROVIDERS, LLC TO OPERATE ONE (1) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLE, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN NEW BRITAIN.

DECISION

JUNE 25, 2019

I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on December 12, 2018, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Diligent Service Providers, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 145 Pinehurst Avenue, 1st Floor, New Britain, CT 06053 seeks authorization to operate one (1) motor vehicle, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, in general livery service from a headquarters in New Britain.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on February 21, 2019.

Notice of the application and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the applicant and to such other parties as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended. Legal notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website.

A hearing officer designated by the Commissioner pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-17 conducted the hearing on this matter.

C. APPEARANCES

Dwayne Jenkins appeared on behalf of the applicant. His mailing address is 145 Pinehurst Avenue, 1st Floor, New Britain, CT 06053.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in New Britain.
- 2. Mr. Jenkins works as a CNA for a Middletown nursing home for the past 24 years. He also started a home health care company. This application is for him to be able to transport his clients.
- 3. In addition to transporting his own clients, the applicant wants to pursue working for the Medicaid broker, Veyo and performing private pay trips for medical facilities.
 - 4. The applicant will operate a 2003 Dodge Caravan in the business.
 - 5. The applicant has \$10,049 in the bank.

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- 6. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$3,330, property tax of \$53 and maintenance of \$600.
- 7. The applicant has a criminal record for Dwayne Jenkins but the charges are very old and are minor in nature.
 - 8. This application was not opposed.

III. DISCUSSION

The department has jurisdiction over each person, association, limited liability company or corporation owning or operating a motor vehicle in livery service, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 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 Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103.

Regarding the applicant's suitability, the applicant submitted a criminal record check for Mr. Jenkins who has a criminal record but the charges are old and minor in nature. The applicant is suitable to conduct this proposed business.

As far as the applicant's, financial ability is concerned the applicant presented evidence that the first six months of expenses includes: insurance of \$3,330, property tax of \$53 and maintenance of \$600 for a total expense of \$3,983. The applicant has \$10,049 in the bank, which is sufficient to cover these expenses.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant has his own home health company with a clientele already in place. Based on all of the evidence presented, this livery application will be granted.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application of Diligent Service Providers, LLC is hereby granted and Livery Permit Number 3669 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3669

Diligent Service Providers, LLC is hereby permitted to operate one (1) motor vehicle, having a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in New Britain.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure the one (1) vehicle granted in this permit within ninety (90) days. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the authority.

The authority granted under this permit may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational, i.e. a vehicle registered with livery plates thereunder for not less than twenty-four (24) 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 rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered sufficient cause to amend, suspend or revoke said permit.

A memorandum of this permit, bearing the seal of the department, shall be conspicuously posted in each motor vehicle operated under this permit.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on the 25th day of June 2019.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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