

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 1902-N-21-L

RE: APPLICATION OF ATM TRANSPORTATION, LLC TO OPERATE THREE (3) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLES, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN BERLIN.

DECISION

APRIL 18, 2019

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on February 14, 2019, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, ATM Transportation, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 304 Fieldstone Xing, Berlin, CT 06037 seeks authorization to operate three (3) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, in general livery service from a headquarters in Berlin.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on April 16, 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

Ahmed Sameir Mohamed and Mahmoud Mohamed appeared on behalf pro se of the applicant. The business mailing address is 304 Fieldstone Xing, Berlin, Connecticut 06037.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate three (3) motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Berlin.
- 2. Mark Thompson, Liz Pagan and Ayoub Lahyane will be the drivers of the three (3) livery vehicles.
- 3. The applicant will operate a 2007 Mitsubishi SUV, 2009 Hyundai Sedan and a 2011 Chevy SUV. The three vehicles are paid for.
 - 4. The applicant has \$30,000 in a bank account for the business.
- 5. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$7,663, maintenance of \$4,500, property tax of \$700, advertising of \$300 and communication of \$600.

- 6. The applicant seeks to provide good customer service with prompt and reliable transportation.
- 7. One of the partners, Mr. Ali, has a network of clients who will transition to the applicant company
 - 8. The applicant is also seeking to perform medical transportation work for Veyo.
 - 9. This application was is 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 each of the three members Ahmed Sameir Mohamed, Mahmoud Mohamed and Tarik Ali which show no criminal records. Mr. Ali has extensive livery and taxi driving experience while both Mr. Ahmed and Mr. Mahmoud Mohamed have extensive business experience, each owning their own business. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has the necessary suitability to be granted authorization.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned the applicant presented evidence that the first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$7,663, maintenance of \$4,500, property tax of \$700, advertising of \$300 and communication of \$600. The applicant has \$30,000 in the bank, which is sufficient to cover these initial costs. Therefore, the applicant is financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant wants to pursue medical transportation for Veyo in addition to performing private pay medical transportation. One of the applicant members is currently a livery driver with his own clientele. Based on all of the evidence presented, the applicant has shown public convenience will be improved by a grant of this application.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application of ATM Transportation, LLC is hereby granted and Livery Permit Number 3662 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3662

ATM Transportation, LLC is hereby permitted to operate three (3) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in Berlin.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure the three (3) vehicles 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 18th day of April 2019.

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