



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NUMBER 2002-C-20-L

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE CITATION OF NORWICH TRANSPORTATION,  
LLC.

DECISION

JULY 9, 2020

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. General

By citation dated March 9, 2020, by the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, 13b-103 and 4-182 as amended, Norwich Transportation, LLC. (hereinafter "respondent"), holder of Intrastate Livery Permit Number 3464, was ordered to come before the department to answer the allegations made therein.

Pursuant to said citation, the respondent was directed to appear at the Newington office of the Department of Transportation to show cause why Livery Permit Number 3464, issued for intrastate livery service should not be suspended or revoked or a civil penalty imposed for violation of its permit pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, et seq.

More specifically:

On February 18, 2020, it was brought to the Department's attention that an insurance policy for Norwich Transportation, LLC, was cancelled for non-payment on September 18, 2019, and no replacement policy was obtained and that they operated since September 18, 2019, without insurance. This is a direct violation of Connecticut General Statute Section 14-29 (f).

### B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the telephone hearing for this citation was held on June 25, 2020. Notice of the citation and the hearing to be held thereon was given to the respondent and to such other parties as required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended.

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

### C. Appearances

Matthew McKeever appeared pro se in this matter. The respondent's mailing address is 192 Route 32, Franklin, CT 06254.

Linda Sidote, License and Application Analyst with the Regulatory and Compliance Unit, presented evidence in this matter.

Felipe Briseno, Staff Attorney 3 with the Regulatory and Compliance Unit, presented evidence in this matter.

## II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The respondent is the holder of Livery Permit Number 3464 in the name of Norwich Transportation, LLC which operates three vehicles in governmental livery service from a headquarters in Franklin for Veyo. Veyo is a transportation broker in Connecticut.
2. The respondent's insurance was cancelled effective September 18, 2019.
3. On December 3, 2019, the respondent's vehicle was involved in a motor vehicle accident.
4. On February 19, 2020, the Regulatory and Compliance Unit sent the respondent a fifteen-day warning letter.
5. Veyo has ceased using the respondents livery service.
6. Mr. McKeever was unaware that the insurance was cancelled and kept operating the livery vehicles.

III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over the registration of motor vehicles in intrastate livery service in the State of Connecticut accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, as amended.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, the department may amend or for sufficient cause suspend or revoke any such permit. Further, the department may impose a civil penalty on any person who violates any provision of the governing chapter or any regulation adopted under Section 13b-103, as amended, with respect to fares, service, operation or equipment, in an amount not to exceed one thousand (\$1,000) dollars per day for each violation.

Based on the evidence presented, the respondent operated for several months without livery insurance. Mr. McKeever claims that he was unaware that the insurance had been cancelled as paying that bill was the responsibility of his partner, Sam Hall. All members of the business are responsible for knowing what is going on in their business. As such, Mr. McKeever is still responsible.

Based on the evidence presented, the respondent is in violation of Connecticut General Statute Section 4-29(f). This is a serious violation as public safety was threatened by the lack of insurance.

The other problem that the respondent faces is that its permits are contingent on the broker, Veyo, continuing to use them for livery transport. Veyo has ceased using the respondent thereby automatically revoking its authority for the three vehicles in governmental livery service. Based on that issue, the respondent's livery authority must be revoked.

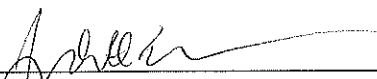
IV. ORDER

Based on the above, Livery Permit Number 3464, standing in the name of Norwich Transportation, LLC is hereby revoked within fifteen (15) days from the date of this decision. The respondent shall return all issued livery plates to the Department of Motor Vehicles by July 24, 2020.

This final decision constitutes notice in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-182(c).

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this the July 9, 2020.

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