

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2002-N-18-L

RE: APPLICATION OF CT CRAFT BEER TOURS, LLC TO OPERATE ONE
(1) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLE, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF
LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN
MANSFIELD.

DECISION

MARCH 19, 2020

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on February 13, 2020, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, CT Craft Beer Tours, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 1206 Storrs Road, Suite C254, Storrs, CT 06268 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 Mansfield.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on March 17, 2020.

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

James Findley appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 1206 Storrs Road, Suite C254, Storrs, CT 06268.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in Mansfield.
2. Mr. Findley worked as a Tax Examiner for the State of Connecticut.
3. The applicant plans to operate a 2017 Ford Transit Van which will be financed.
4. The applicant has \$10,361 in the bank.
5. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes vehicle financing of \$5,089, insurance of \$4,162, maintenance of \$500, \$360 for a cellphone and office expenses of \$25.

6. The applicant has a public service license and has driven for UBER in the past.
7. The applicant will be taking customers on a four-hour tour of breweries on the Connecticut beer trail.
8. The applicant does not have a criminal record.
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 Mr. Findley, which shows no criminal record. Mr. Findley's education and past job experience will allow him to operate this business. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to be granted a livery permit.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned the first six months of expenses includes vehicle financing of \$5,089, insurance of \$4,162, maintenance of \$500, \$360 for a cellphone and office expenses of \$25 for a total expense of \$10,136. The applicant has \$10,361 in the bank which is sufficient to cover these costs.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant presented several letters from individuals who support his endeavor. Mr. Findley has connections with various breweries and will be working with them to make the tour successful. Based on all 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 CT Craft Beer Tours, LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3695 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3695

CT Craft Beer Tours, 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 Mansfield.

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 19th day of March 2020.

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