



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NUMBER 2007-N-39-L

RE: APPLICATION OF CAREGIVERS & TRANSPORTS, LLC TO OPERATE ONE (1) MOTOR VEHICLE, HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN (11) PASSENGERS, IN GENERAL LIVERY SERVICE BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN BLOOMFIELD.

DECISION

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

I. INTRODUCTION

A. General

By application filed on July 20, 2020, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Caregivers & Transports, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 24 Brewer Drive, Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002, seeks authorization to operate one (1) motor vehicle, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, in general livery service between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in the town of Bloomfield.

B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was originally scheduled for September 10, 2020 but was later held on September 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 the Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103. 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

Emily Guzman appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 24 Brewer Drive, Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002.

II. FINDING OF FACTS

1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in intrastate livery service from a headquarters in Bloomfield.
2. The applicant operates a home health business wherein it provides services for clients in their homes. This business has been in operation since 2018.
3. Some of the applicant's clients need transportation services to medical appointments or shopping.
4. In addition to providing a livery service to their clients, the applicants will perform livery trips for the general public.
5. The applicant's assets include cash of \$8,418.
6. The applicant's first six month of costs includes insurance of \$5,341, vehicle

maintenance of \$500, vehicle financing costs of \$1,788 and property tax of \$131.

7. The applicant will operate a 2010 Honda Crossover which will be financed.

8. One of the applicant members, Denzel Barrows, will act as the primary driver. He has not applied for his public service license yet.

9. The applicant estimates a trip call volume at five to ten trips a week.

10. No opposition was presented to a grant of this application.

III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

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.

In support of financial wherewithal, the applicant presented evidence of the following information: insurance of \$5,341, vehicle maintenance of \$500, vehicle financing costs of \$1,788 and property tax of \$131 for a total cost of \$7,760. The applicant has \$8,418 in the bank. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has proven its financial suitability to operate the requested vehicles.

Regarding suitability, the applicant provided a criminal record check for Emily Guzman and Denzel Barrows which show no criminal record. The applicants have already been operating a successful home health care business. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to be granted the livery authority.

The applicant is also required to prove that public convenience and necessity would be improved by a grant of this application. The applicant has been in the home health care business for a couple of years and has developed a client base that needs transportation services. The applicant estimates that it will be performing five to ten trips per week. In addition to transporting their own clients, they will also be performing livery services for the general public.

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, the application of Caregivers & Transports, LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit

Number 3699 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NO. 3699
FOR THE OPERATION OF LIVERY SERVICE

Caregivers & Transports, LLC is hereby permitted and authorized to operate one (1) motor vehicle, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in Bloomfield.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register the one (1) vehicle granted under this decision within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision.

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 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 the rules, regulations and orders of the department may from time to time prescribe thereunder may result in a citation action against the permit holder.

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

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 24th day of September.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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