

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2011-N-63-L

RE: APPLICATION OF EZEE TRANSPORT, LLC TO OPERATE FOUR (4) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLES, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN WINDSOR LOCKS.

DECISION

JANUARY 26, 2021

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on November 24, 2020, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, EZEE Transport, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 8 Gaylord Road, Windsor Locks, Connecticut 06096 seeks authorization to operate four (4) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, in general livery service from a headquarters in Windsor Locks.

B. <u>HEARING</u>

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on January 12, 2021.

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

Asma Kahn and Akbar Zeeshan appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's address is 8 Gaylord Road, Windsor Locks, Connecticut 06096.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate four (4) motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Windsor Locks.
- 2. The applicant has three years' experience operating eight vehicles with Premier Transport which works primarily with the transportation broker Veyo. This new business will be in addition to that business.
- 3. The applicant will operate a 2011 Toyota Sienna, a 2017 Toyota Sienna, a 2008 Nissan Maxima and a 2011 Dodge Caravan. All four vehicles are owned outright by the applicant.
 - 4. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$5,985,

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- 5. The applicant has \$39,800 in a business bank account.
- 6. Mrs. Kahn will be doing the business administration while her husband, Mr. Zeeshan, will be handling the scheduling, driving, training of employees and vehicle maintenance.
 - 7. Additional drivers will be hired by the business.
 - 8. The applicant will perform livery work for both Veyo and the general public.
 - 9. The two members have no criminal records.
 - 10. This application was not opposed by any livery operator.

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 both Asma Kahn and Akbar Zeeshan which disclosed no criminal record. The applicants have been operating a separate livery service with eight vehicles for three years. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to operate this service.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned the applicant presented evidence that the first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$5,985, vehicle maintenance costs of \$2,500, office expenses of \$1,200, communication costs of \$1,200, advertising costs of \$600 and property tax of \$237 for a total expense of \$11,722. The applicant has \$39,800 in a bank account which will cover these starting expenses. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is

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On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant has a contract with Veyo to perform livery service. The applicant also will be performing general livery work. Since the applicant already has a source for receiving livery trips, it has proven public convenience and necessity.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application in the name of EZEE Transport, LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3702 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3702

EZEE Transport, LLC is authorized to operate four (4) motor vehicles in general livery service, with a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, from a headquarters in Windsor Locks.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure the four (4) general livery vehicles granted in this decision within ninety (90) days. Failure to do so may result in revocation of this 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

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Dated at Newington, Connecticut on the 26th day of January 2021.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the decision dated January 26, 2021 in the above-entitled matter were forwarded on January 26, 2021.

COPIES OF THE ABOVED-NOTED DECISION WERE FORWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

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