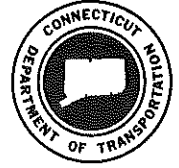




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DOCKET NO. 2104-N-27-L

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

DECISION

AUGUST 10, 2021

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on April 12, 2021, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Rescue Transportation LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 1696 Route 171, Woodstock, Connecticut 06282 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 Woodstock.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on August 5, 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

Aiyla Zahid and Avraham Bergman appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 1696 Route 171, Woodstock, Connecticut 06282.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate three (3) motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Woodstock.
2. The applicant will operate three (3) Ford C Max sedans which will be financed.
3. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes vehicle financing of \$4,086, insurance costs of \$36,437, maintenance costs of \$2,400, communication costs of \$420, advertising costs of \$600, equipment costs of \$270 and property tax of \$308.
4. The applicant has \$44,550 in a business bank account.

5. Two of the three members are managers in a retail setting. The third member has worked with both Veyo and other transportation companies.

6. The applicant hopes to work with Veyo to get most of its livery trips but will also perform livery trips requested by the public.

7. The three (3) applicant members have no criminal records.

8. The applicant will be hiring drivers for the livery vehicles.

9. The applicant will be operating out of a home office. There is no issue with the applicant working from their residence.

10. Veyo trip volume is approximately 68 trips per day for Tolland County and 163 trips for Windham County.

11. There are very few livery operators headquartered in the Woodstock area.

12. This application 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 the three members Kahn Zahid, Aiyla Zahid and Avraham Bergman which disclosed no criminal records. Kahn Zahid has extensive transportation experience and will be the daily hands-on manager. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to conduct the proposed business.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned the applicant presented evidence that the first six months of expenses vehicle financing of \$4,086, insurance costs of \$36,437, maintenance costs of \$2,400, communication costs of \$420, advertising costs of \$600, equipment costs of \$270 and property tax of \$308 for a total expense of \$44,521. The applicant has \$44,550 in a business bank account which is sufficient to cover these costs.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant points to its upcoming association with Veyo to provide 90 percent of its livery trips. The remainder of the livery trips will be generated by the general public. There are very few livery operators headquartered in the Woodstock area, so the addition of the applicant's livery service is needed.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application in the name of Rescue Transportation LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3716 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3716

Rescue Transportation LLC is authorized to operate three (3) motor vehicles in general livery service, with a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, from a headquarters in Woodstock.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure the three (3) 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.

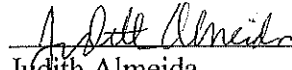
This permit shall remain in effect until it is amended, suspended or revoked by the department. Failure of the permit holder to maintain proper insurance and/or comply with all pertinent motor vehicle laws and other state statutes and/or rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered sufficient cause to amend, suspend or revoke said permit.

A memorandum of this permit, bearing the seal of the department, shall be

conspicuously posted in each motor vehicle operated under this permit.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on the 10th day of August 2021.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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