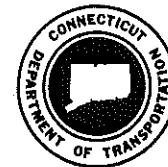


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DOCKET NO. 2104-N-32-L

RE: APPLICATION OF DUNBAR PATIENT TRANSPORT CORPORATION TO COMBINE ITS TWO (2) GOVERNMENTAL LIVERY PERMITS WITH ITS FOUR (4) ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED LIVERY PERMITS AND TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTIONS TO ALLOW OPERATION OF SIX (6) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLES BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN STRATFORD.

DECISION

JUNE 21, 2021

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on April 27, 2021, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Dunbar Patient Transport Corporation (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 959 Main Street, Suite 108, Stratford, Connecticut 06615 seeks authorization to combine its two (2) governmental motor vehicles with its four (4) elderly and handicapped vehicles and to remove all the livery restrictions thereby resulting in the operation of six (6) general livery vehicles between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in Stratford.

B. HEARING

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

Alberto Dunbar appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address 959 Main Street, Suite 108, Stratford, Connecticut 06615.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to combine its six (6) restricted livery permits and reissue its livery permit as six (6) general livery permits.
2. The applicant currently operates four (4) vehicles in livery service for the elderly and handicapped and two (2) vehicles in governmental livery service.
3. The applicant is operating five (5) handicapped accessible vehicles and a sedan.
4. Handicapped accessible vans are not readily available for private pay work.
5. The applicant seeks to provide transportation to doctor appointments, nights on the town, weddings and funerals among other things.

6. The applicant already has an executed contract with Veyo and will perform the private pay trips in the downtime.

7. The applicant is seeking increased flexibility in providing livery trips.

8. 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.

The applicant has been in the livery business since 2015. Since the applicant is not adding new livery vehicles and there is no additional cost associated with converting its restricted livery permits to general livery permits, the applicant is financial suitable regarding this application.

Regarding the applicant's suitability, a criminal record check was performed for Alberto Dunbar which shows no criminal record. The applicant has been in the livery business for several years without incident. The applicant has proven its suitability to provide this service.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant presented evidence that he receives several requests per month to perform private pay trips with his handicapped accessible vehicles. Such requests are not easily fulfilled due to the lack of these specialized vehicles. Converting the applicant's restricted livery vehicles to general livery will provide the applicant with greater flexibility.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application is hereby granted. Accordingly, Livery Permit Number 3543 standing in the name of Dunbar Patient Transport Corporation is hereby approved and is reissued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NO. 3543

Dunbar Patient Transport Corporation is hereby permitted and authorized to operate six (6) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in Stratford.

Dunbar Patient Transport Corporation is also permitted and authorized to operate motor vehicles as a common carrier of passengers, in charter and special operations, in interstate commerce under such authorization as issued or amended by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in the issuance of certificate number MC-908502-C.

RESTRICTIONS:

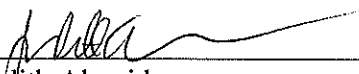
The authority granted under this permit may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational, i.e. a vehicle registered with livery plates thereunder for not less than twenty-four (24) months.

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 June 21, 2021.

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