



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2104-N-28-L

RE: APPLICATION OF CHEAP FLAT RATE TRANSPORTATION AND
VAN SERVICES, LLC TO OPERATE TWO (2) GENERAL LIVERY
VEHICLES, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF FOURTEEN (14)
PASSENGERS OR LESS FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN
BRIDGEPORT.

DECISION

JULY 26, 2021

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on April 15, 2021, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Cheap Flat Rate Transportation and Van Services, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of P.O. Box 55421, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06610 seeks authorization to operate two (2) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than fourteen (14) passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in Bridgeport.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on July 22, 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

Jean Charles Antoine appeared on behalf of the applicant. The applicant was represented by Bevon McLean, Esq. Attorney McLean's mailing address is 2 Trap Falls Road, Suite 508, Shelton, Connecticut 06484.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate two (2) motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Bridgeport.
2. The applicant will operate a 2014 Ford Van and a 2014 Subaru Forester in the livery business.
3. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$12,713, maintenance costs of \$960, communication costs of \$1,200, advertising costs of \$600, property tax of \$237 and equipment costs of \$900.

4. The applicant has \$17,100 in a business bank account.
5. Mr. Antoine has experience driving professionally including as a taxi/livery driver.
6. The applicant was a high school math teacher in Haiti and has been a math tutor in the past.
7. The applicant will be operating the business out of his residence.
8. Mr. Antoine is currently a contractor with the post office.
9. This livery application was 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 Jean Charles Antoine, which disclosed no criminal record. Mr. Antoine has experience transporting the public as a taxi/livery driver. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to conduct the proposed intrastate livery business.

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 \$12,713, maintenance costs of \$960, communication costs of \$1,200, property tax of \$237, equipment costs of \$900 and advertising costs of \$600 for a total expense of \$16,610. The applicant has \$17,100 in the bank to cover these startup expenses and is therefore financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant has a plan to market the company to generate business. The applicant has worked for several taxi/livery companies in the past. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant will receive authorization for intrastate livery transportation.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application in the name of Cheap Flat Rate Transportation and Van Services, LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3713 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3713

Cheap Flat Rate Transportation and Van Services, LLC is authorized to operate two (2) motor vehicles in general livery service, with a seating capacity of fourteen passengers or less, from a headquarters in Bridgeport.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure the two (2) 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 26th day of July 2021.

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