

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2104-N-33-L

RE: APPLICATION OF H & H LIMO AND CAR SERVICE LLC TO OPERATE TWO (2) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLES, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN WINDSOR LOCKS

DECISION

JULY 12, 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, H & H Limo and Car Service LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 12A Ella Grasso Turnpike, Windsor Locks, Connecticut 06096 seeks authorization to operate two (2) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in Windsor Locks.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on July 6, 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

Hany Hammad and Hazem Elgendy appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 12A Ella Grasso Turnpike, Windsor Locks, Connecticut 06096.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate two (2) motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Windsor Locks.
- 2. The applicant will operate a 2011 Toyota Avalon and a 2018 Chrysler Sedan in the livery business.
- 3. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes rent of \$2,100, insurance of \$4056, maintenance costs of \$690, advertising of \$600 and communication costs of \$600.
 - 4. The applicant has \$9,996 in a business bank account.

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- 5. The applicant members have worked in the livery business and have acquired a large customer base.
 - 6. The applicant members have college degrees in accounting and engineering.
 - 7. The two applicants will be driving the livery vehicles.
 - 8. This 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 both members Hany Hammad and Hazem Elgendy, which disclosed no criminal record. Both applicant members have experience transporting the public as taxi/livery drivers and one member was the prior owner of a livery company. 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: rent of \$2,100, insurance of \$4056, maintenance of \$690, advertising of \$600 and communication costs of \$600 for a total expense of \$8,046. The applicant has \$9,996 in a bank account to cover these startup expenses and is therefore financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicants were former livery/taxi drivers who have developed an extensive client base. They would have no trouble securing clients for the business. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant will receive authorization for intrastate livery transportation.

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IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application in the name of H & H Limo and Car Service LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3711 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3711

H & H Limo and Car Service LLC is authorized to operate two (2) 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 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 12th day of July 2021.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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