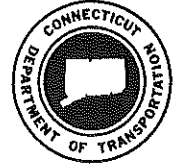




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DOCKET NO. 2105-N-39-L

RE: APPLICATION OF ANOMALY WINE TOURS, LLC TO OPERATE  
ONE (1) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLE, WITH A SEATING  
CAPACITY OF FOURTEEN PASSENGERS OR LESS FROM A  
HEADQUARTERS IN EAST HAVEN.

DECISION

JULY 22, 2021

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. APPLICATION

By application filed on May 11, 2021, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Anomaly Wine Tours, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 52 Borrmann Road, East Haven, Connecticut 06131 seeks authorization to operate one (1) motor vehicle, having a seating capacity of fourteen (14) passengers or less, in general livery service from a headquarters in East Haven.

### B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on July 20, 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

Amanda Sperandio appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's address is 52 Borrmann Road., East Haven, Connecticut 06512.

## II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in East Haven.
2. The applicant will operate a 2015 Ford Transit van which she owns. Since the vehicle to be operated is a van the DOT will have to perform an inspection prior to its use in livery service.
3. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes vehicle maintenance of \$60 and property tax of \$257. The vehicle insurance and other six-month expenses have been pre-paid.
4. The applicant has \$1514 in a business bank account.

5. Ms. Sperandio will be getting a public service license to drive the livery vehicle.
6. The wine tours will be either shared or private typically making three stops at Connecticut vineyards.
7. Ms. Sperandio is a Supervising Clinician with a master's degree. She will continue in that employment. She has also operated her own practice in the past.
8. The applicant has been conducting virtual wine tastings and will be branching out to onsite tastings.
9. As part of the applicant's former employment she transported her clients in her vehicle.
10. This application is 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 Amanda Sperandio which disclosed no criminal records. Ms. Sperandio has operated her own business practice in the past and has also driven her clients. 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 includes vehicle maintenance of \$60 and property tax of \$257 for a total expense of \$317. The applicant has \$1514 in a business bank account which is

sufficient to cover these initial expenses. The applicant is financially suitable to operate this proposed venture.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity the applicant will be operating a unique wine tasting tour. She has already been conducting virtual wine tastings and wishes to expand the business to onsite vineyard visits. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has shown that public convenience and necessity would be improved by a grant of this application.

#### IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application in the name of Anomaly Wine Tours, LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3712 is hereby issued as follows:

#### **LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3712**

Anomaly Wine Tours, LLC is authorized to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service, with a seating capacity of fourteen passengers or less, from a headquarters in East Haven.

#### **RESTRICTIONS:**

**The applicant must register and insure the one (1) general livery vehicle 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 22nd day of July 2021.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

  
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