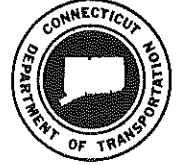




STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



2800 BERLIN TURNPIKE, P.O. BOX 317546  
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06131-7546

Phone:

(860) 594-2875

DOCKET NO. 2105-N-40-L

RE: APPLICATION OF BERAKAH TRANSPORTATION, LLC TO  
OPERATE TWO (2) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLES, WITH A  
SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS,  
FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN NORWALK.

DECISION

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. APPLICATION

By application filed on May 18, 2021, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Berakah Transportation, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 32 Triangle Street, Apt 2, Norwalk, Connecticut 06855 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 Norwalk.

### B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on August 31, 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

Sendral Cloiseau appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 32 Triangle Street, Apt 2, Norwalk, Connecticut 06855.

Sandro Cloiseau, the applicant's son, appeared as a witness in this matter.

Christnarlie, with this Voiance Language Assistance Line appeared as a Haitian Creole translator in this matter. (Only first names are used by this service)

## II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate two (2) motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Norwalk.

2. The applicant will operate a 2015 Dodge Van and a 2010 Nissan Altima which are both paid for.

3. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$5,212, maintenance of \$2,250, property tax of \$116 and communication costs of \$900.

4. The applicant has \$11,404 in a business bank account.

5. Sendral Cloiseau has worked as a livery and truck driver.

6. Both Mr. Cloiseau and his wife, Lucianna, will be the livery drivers. They both have public service licenses.

7. The livery business will initially be operated from their home.

8. Sandro Cloiseau will be doing the marketing for the business and helping with any language issues.

9. The applicant will be advertising the business by making business cards and pamphlets.

10. 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 Sendral and Lucianna which disclosed no criminal records. Mr. Cloiseau has a background as a livery and a truck driver so he is familiar with the transportation business. 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 of \$5,212, maintenance of \$2,250, property tax of \$116 and communication costs of \$900 for a total expense of \$8,478. The applicant has \$11,404 in a bank account to cover these startup expenses and is therefore financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant has been a past livery driver and knows many clients in the industry. The applicant will also be advertising the business through various means to get new clients. 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 Berakah Transportation LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3721 is hereby issued as follows:

#### **LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3721**

Berakah Transportation 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 Norwalk.

#### **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.**

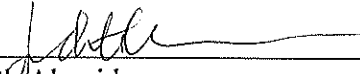
The authority granted under this permit may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational, i.e. a vehicle registered with livery plates thereunder for not less than twenty-four (24) months.

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 9th day of September 2021.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



---

Judith Almeida  
Staff Attorney III  
Administrative Law Unit  
Bureau of Finance and Administration