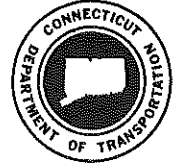


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DOCKET NO. 2112-N-114-L

RE: APPLICATION OF DUNNS NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
TRANSPORATION SERVICE LLC TO OPERATE ONE (1) GENERAL  
LIVERY VEHICLE, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN  
ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN LEDYARD

DECISION

APRIL 13, 2022

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. APPLICATION

By application filed on December 16, 2021, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Dunns Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Service LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 34 Patricia Court, Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06335 seeks authorization to operate one (1) motor vehicle, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in Ledyard.

### B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on April 6, 2022.

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

Christopher Dunn appeared on behalf of the applicant. The applicant was represented by Attorney Donald Williams with a mailing address of P.O. Box 1693, Groton, Connecticut 06340.

## II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in Ledyard.
2. The applicant will operate a 2019 Dodge bariatric wheelchair van which has no financing.
3. The applicant currently works as an EMT in a local hospital and at a surgical center.
4. The applicant has many contacts in the medical community from his 32 years in the medical field.

5. The first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$14,400, maintenance costs of \$390, property tax of \$611, advertising costs of \$1,800 and communication costs of \$660. equipment costs of \$591 and rent of \$10,800.

6. The applicant has \$40,683 in a bank account in the name of the company.

7. Mr. Dunn is in the process of getting an endorsement to drive the livery vehicle. He currently has four other drivers lined up to drive the livery vehicle.

8. The applicant will be operating out of a transportation facility that he rents.

9. The applicant plans to provide livery service for transportation provider Veyo. Veyo has the need for up to 150 transports per day. As the result of a lack of livery providers, Veyo must use providers out of the service area.

10. The applicant will get additional customers through advertising and from his connections with hospitals. Mr. Dunn also visits facilities on site for meet and greets to generate business.

11. The applicant has hired a fleet manager to help assist with operations and his wife will also help with the paperwork.

12. 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 the only member, Christopher Dunn, which disclosed no criminal record. Mr. Dunn has been

working as an EMT in the medical field for many years and has experience transporting clients. 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 \$14,400, maintenance costs of \$390, property tax of \$611, advertising costs of \$1,800 and communication costs of \$660, equipment costs of \$591 and rent is \$10,800 for a total expense of \$29,252. The applicant has \$40,693 in the bank to cover these bills and is therefore financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant has been in contact with Veyo to provide wheelchair transportation for its livery network. Mr. Dunn also has many contacts through his work as an EMT and with the hospitals where he works. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to 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 Dunns Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Service LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3736 is hereby issued as follows:

#### **LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3736**

Dunns Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Service LLC is authorized to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service, with a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, from a headquarters in Ledyard.

#### **RESTRICTIONS:**

**The applicant must register and insure the one (1) vehicle granted in this decision within ninety (90) days. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the general livery 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 13th day of April 2022.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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