

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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## DOCKET NO. 2202-N-20-L

RE: APPLICATION OF JACEK SZKUP DBA LUXE RIDE ENTERPRISE TO OPERATE ONE (1) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLE, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN FOURTEEN PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN NEW BRITAIN.

**DECISION** 

JUNE 14, 2022

#### I. INTRODUCTION

#### A. APPLICATION

By application filed on February 15, 2022, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Jacek Szkup dba Luxe Ride Enterprise (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 40 Broad Street, New Britain, Connecticut 06053 seeks authorization to operate one (1) motor vehicle, having a seating capacity of less than fourteen (14) passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in New Britain.

#### B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on June 7, 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

Jacek Szkup on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 40 Broad Street, New Britain, Connecticut 06053.

Voiance employee, Margret, acted as a Polish translator in this matter.

#### II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in New Britain.
  - 2. The applicant received interstate livery authority in May 2022.
  - 3. The applicant proposes to operate a 2016 Ford Transit Van which is financed.
  - 4. The applicant has been working in construction and driving for Uber and Lyft.

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- 5. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$6,135, vehicle financing of \$3,468, maintenance costs of \$1,050, property tax of \$400, communication costs of \$900 and office rent of \$4,200.
  - 6. The applicant has \$16,669 in a business bank account.
  - 7. Beata Tylenda will work in the office taking reservations and handle advertising.
- 8. Mr. Szkup will drive the livery vehicle and is in the process of getting a livery endorsement.
- 9. The applicant is operating his own business where he helps Polish people with mailing packages to Poland and passport issues.
- 10. The applicant receives ten (10) to twenty (20) calls per week requesting livery service.
  - 11. 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 owner Jacek Szkup which disclosed no criminal record. Mr. Szkup already has received interstate authority and is expanding into intrastate. He has transportation experience through Uber and Lyft. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to conduct the proposed livery business.

Docket No. 2202-N-20-L Jacek Szkup dba Luxe Ride Enterprise Page 3 of 6 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 \$6,135, maintenance costs of \$1,050, property tax of \$400, vehicle financing of \$3,468 and communication costs of \$900 and rent of \$4,200 for a total expense of \$16,153. The applicant has \$16,669 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 operating a service to help Polish residents with mailing packages and obtaining passports. He has transported people in his past construction work and driving for Uber and Lyft. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant will receive authorization for intrastate livery service.

#### IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application in the name of Jacek Szkup dba Luxe Ride Enterprise is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3742 is hereby reissued as follows:

#### **LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3742**

Jacek Szkup dba Luxe Ride Enterprise is authorized to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service, with a seating capacity of less than fourteen passengers, from a headquarters in New Britain.

Jacek Szkup dba Luxe Ride Enterprise is permitted and authorized to operate motor vehicles as a common carrier of passengers, in charter and special operations, in interstate commerce under such authorization as issued or amended by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in the issuance of Certificate Number MC-01357902.

#### **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 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

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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 14th day of June 2022.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Judith Almeida

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## CERTIFICATION DOCKET NO. 2202-N-20-L

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the decision dated June 14, 2022, in the above-entitled matter were forwarded on June 14, 2022.

## COPIES OF THE ABOVED-NOTED DECISION WERE FORWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### APPLICANT:

Jacek Szkup dba Luxe Ride Enterprise 40 Broad Street New Britain, Connecticut 06053

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### **APPLICANT'S COUNSEL:**

NA

#### **INTERVENORS:**

NA

#### **OTHERS:**

Regulatory & Compliance

**CERTIFIED BY:** 

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