

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2202-N-10-L

RE: APPLICATION OF MAJOR H. SERVICES, LLC TO OPERATE ONE (1)
GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLE, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF
LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN
WEST HARTFORD

DECISION

MAY 24, 2022

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on February 3, 2022, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Major H. Services, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 501 Gibson Drive, #1821, Roseville, CA 95678 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 West Hartford.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on May 18, 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. <u>APPEARANCES</u>

Hatem Abdine appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 501 Gibson Drive, #1821, Roseville, CA 95678.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in West Hartford.
- 2. The applicant will operate a 2018 Dodge Promaster bariatric capable, wheelchair accessible van.
 - 3. The applicant is a retired army officer with logistical transportation experience.
 - 4. Mr. Abdine will hire a driver for the vehicle.

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- 5. The first six months of expenses includes rent of \$732, equipment of \$420, insurance of \$4562, maintenance of \$3,000, property tax of \$255 and communication costs of \$450.
 - 6. The applicant has \$27,713 in a bank account in the name of the company.
- 7. The applicant will get customers through making a website, working with Veyo and networking with the Veterans Administration.
- 8. The applicant currently operates eight (8) vans in transportation service in California.
 - 9. 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 Hatem Abdine which disclosed no criminal records. Mr. Abdine operates eight (8) vans in a transportation service in California, so he has already transportation experience. 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 \$732, equipment of \$420, insurance of \$4,562, maintenance of \$3,000, property tax of \$255 and communication costs of \$450 for a total expense of \$9,419. The applicant has \$27,713 in a bank account to cover these startup expenses and is therefore financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant who is a veteran will

Docket No. 2202-N-10-L Major H. Services, LLC Page 3 of 6 network with the Veteran Administration to get transportation work. The applicant also has been contacted by Veyo to join their provider network because the vehicle he will be operating is desirable for their 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 Major H. Services, LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3743 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3743

Major H. Services, 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 West Hartford.

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 24th day of May 2022.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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