

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2203-N-23-L

RE: APPLICATION OF CONNECTICUT CROWN LIMOUSINE LLC TO OPERATE ONE (1) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLE, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN STAMFORD

DECISION

MAY 11, 2022

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on March 7, 2022, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Connecticut Crown Limousine LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 331 Selleck Street, Stamford, CT 06902 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 Stamford.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on May 3, 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

Asim Ali Khan appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 331 Selleck Street, Stamford, Connecticut 06902.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in Stamford.
- 2. The applicant has been operating an interstate livery service for the past five years and has over twenty years' experience in the transportation field.
 - 3. The applicant proposes to operate a 2016 Chevy Suburban which is owed outright.
- 4. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes rent \$3,000, insurance \$2,926, maintenance costs of \$1,215, property tax of \$176, internet costs of \$828 and communication costs of \$502.

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- 5. The applicant has \$22,367 in a bank account in the name of the company.
- 6. The applicant receives requests from his existing clients to perform intrastate livery work which he has had to farm out to other operators due to lack of intrastate livery authority.
 - 7. Mr. Khan is not always able to find operators to perform his intrastate trips.
 - 8. The applicant has been successful in his interstate livery operation.
 - 9. This intrastate livery 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, Asim Ali Khan, which disclosed no criminal record. Mr. Khan has experience transporting the public for twenty years while also owning an interstate livery service for the past five years. 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 \$3,000, insurance \$2,926, maintenance costs of \$1,215, property tax of \$176, internet costs of \$828 and communication costs of \$502 for a total expense of \$8,647. The applicant has \$22,367 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 receiving calls for intrastate livery service which he is forced to refer to authorized operators or risk losing his clients. The applicant has been working successfully in interstate livery for the past five years and

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IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application in the name of Connecticut Crown Limousine, LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3547 is hereby reissued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3547

Connecticut Crown Limousine, 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 Stamford.

Connecticut Crown Limousine, LLC is hereby permitted and authorized to operate motor vehicles as a common carrier of passengers, in charter and special operation, in interstate commerce under such authorization as issued or amended by the Federal Motor Safety Administration in issuance of Certificate Number MC-970754.

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

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Dated at Newington, Connecticut on the 11th day of May 2022.

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