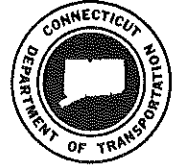


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DOCKET NO. 2204-N-41-L

RE: APPLICATION OF UNIQUE BIRD LLC TO OPERATE ONE (1)
GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLE, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF
LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN
ENFIELD

DECISION

JULY 5, 2022

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on April 21, 2022, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Unique Bird LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 207 Pearl Street, Enfield, Connecticut 06082 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 Enfield.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on June 14, 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

Zubair Qureshi appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 207 Pearl Street, Enfield, Connecticut 06082.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in Enfield.

2. The applicant will operate a 2011 Toyota Camry which has no financing.

3. The applicant has worked for approximately three years as a livery driver as well as driving for Lyft.

4. The first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$3,952, maintenance costs of \$300, property tax of \$63 and advertising costs of \$48.

5. The applicant has \$9,994 in a bank account in the name of the company.
6. The applicant will be operating out of his residence. There are no known zoning issues operating a home office from this residence.
7. The applicant will be driving the livery vehicle. He has a livery endorsement.
8. 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 Zubair Qureshi which disclosed no criminal record. Mr. Qureshi has experience driving a livery vehicle and from working for Lyft. 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 \$3,952, maintenance costs of \$300, property tax of \$63 and advertising costs of \$48 for a total expense of \$4,363. The applicant has \$9,994 in a bank account to cover these startup expenses and is therefore financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant will be doing some advertising to attract business. Also, the applicant has some business connections through his past livery service. 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 Unique Bird LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3746 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3746

Unique Bird 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 Enfield.

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 5th day of July 2022.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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