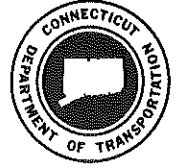


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DOCKET NO. 2205-N-42-L

RE: APPLICATION OF ROYAL CHOICE GLOBAL TRANSPORTATION
INC DBA ROYAL CHOICE GLOBAL TRANSPORTATION TO
OPERATE ONE (1) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLE, WITH A SEATING
CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A
HEADQUARTERS IN BETHEL

DECISION

JULY 13, 2022

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on May 2, 2022, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Royal Choice Global Transportation Inc dba Royal Choice Global Transportation (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 103 Greenwood Avenue, Bethel, CT 06801 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 Bethel.

B. HEARING

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

Mohammad Shilleh appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 103 Greenwood Avenue, Bethel CT 06801.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in Bethel.
2. The applicant will operate a 2019 Lincoln MKT SUV.
3. The applicant has been driving in livery service for the past 22 years.
4. Mr. Shilleh will be the primary driver of the livery vehicle.
5. The applicant has been operating one (1) vehicle in interstate livery service since 2007.

6. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes rent of \$4,200, insurance of \$3,558 maintenance of \$510, property tax of \$298, communication costs of \$618 and vehicle financing Of \$3,662.

7. The applicant has \$16,608 in the business bank account.

8. The applicant refers ten (10) to fifteen (15) intrastate livery trips per month to other livery operators.

9. The applicant has an established customer base.

10. 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.

With regard to the applicant's suitability, Mr. Shilleh submitted a criminal record check which disclosed no criminal record. Since 2007, Mr. Shilleh has operated in interstate livery service, so he already has experience operating a livery business. 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 \$4,200, insurance of \$3,558 maintenance of \$510, property tax of \$298, communication costs of \$618 and vehicle financing of \$3,662 for a total expense of \$12,846. The applicant has \$ 16,608 in a bank account to cover these startup expenses and is therefore financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant plans to advertise on

social media and already has a customer base from his many years in the livery business. 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 Royal Choice Global Transportation Inc dba Royal Choice Global Transportation is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3153 is hereby reissued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3153

Royal Choice Global Transportation Inc dba Royal Choice Global Transportation 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 Bethel.

Royal Choice Global Transportation Inc dba Royal Choice Global Transportation 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-596530-C.

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.

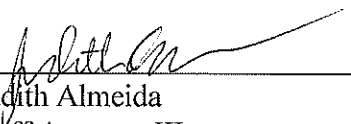
This permit shall remain in effect until it is amended, suspended or revoked by the department. Failure of the permit holder to maintain proper insurance and/or comply with all pertinent motor vehicle laws and other state statutes and/or rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered 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 July 2022.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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