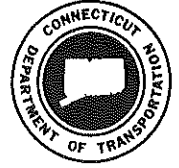




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DOCKET NO. 2205-N-46-L

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

DECISION

SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on May 4, 2022, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Allstate Livery Services, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 625 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604 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 Bridgeport.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on July 12, 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

Osama Farg appeared on behalf of the applicant. Attorney Michael Stone represented the applicant. His mailing address is 129 Church Street, Suite 806, New Haven, CT 06510.

D. APPLICATION CHANGE

After the hearing, the applicant decided to purchase a 2023 Chevy Suburban, so the decision was delayed while the applicant secured the vehicle and was able to supply the necessary information to the hearing officer.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in Bridgeport.
2. The applicant proposes to operate a 2023 Chevy Suburban which will be financed.

3. The applicant has been a Lyft driver for several years. The applicant has the proper endorsement to drive a livery vehicle.

4. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$4,399, maintenance costs of \$900, vehicle financing of \$4,722, property tax of \$1,242, advertising costs of \$300 and communication costs of \$450.

5. The applicant has \$54,630 in a business bank account.

6. The applicant presented testimony from four (4) patrons who have used him as a Lyft driver. The applicant received praise for his professionalism, on time pickups and careful driving.

7. The applicant has two college degrees one in engineering and one in technology management

8. The applicant will operate the business out of his home. There are no known zoning issues operating a home office from this residence.

9. The applicant provides professional, on time customer service.

10. The applicant will get customers through his current customer base and by advertising.

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 only member, Osama Farg, which disclosed no criminal record. Mr. Farg has been a driver for Lyft transporting the public for some time. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to conduct the proposed 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 \$4,399, maintenance costs of \$900, property tax of \$1,242, advertising costs of \$300, vehicle financing of \$4,722 and communication costs of \$450 for a total expense of \$12,013. The applicant has \$54,630 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 many contacts in the livery community from his driving for Lyft. These past customers will be the basis for his livery business. Several of these customers testified for the applicant regarding his good quality livery service. 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 Allstate Livery Services, LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3749 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3749

Allstate Livery 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 Bridgeport.

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.

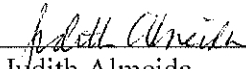
The authority granted under this permit may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational, i.e. a vehicle registered with livery plates thereunder for not less than twenty-four (24) months.

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 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 27th day of September 2022.

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