

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2206-N-65-L

RE: APPLICATION OF OXFORD HOME CARE, LLC TO OPERATE TWO (2) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLES, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN BLOOMFIELD

DECISION

SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

I. INTRODUCTION

A. <u>APPLICATION</u>

By application filed on June 14, 2021 with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Oxford Home Care, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 71 West Dudley Town Road, Suite C, Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002 seeks authorization to operate two (2) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in Bloomfield.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on August 31, 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

Ricardo Anderson appeared on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 71 West Dudley Town Road, Suite C, Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate two (2) motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Bloomfield. The principals in the business are Ricardo and his wife Keisha.
 - 2. The applicant will operate a two 2020 Nissan Sentra sedans which are financed.
- 3. The applicant members have been operating a home health agency since 2017. They would like to incorporate transportation into the services they offer.
- 4. The first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$3,368, maintenance costs of \$4,800, property tax of \$556, advertising costs of \$600 and communication costs of \$720, equipment costs of \$534, rent of \$4,770 and vehicle financing of \$5,898.

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- 5. The applicant has over \$24,000 in a bank account in the name of the company.
- 6. Mr. Anderson will be driving one livery vehicle and will hire someone to drive the second vehicle. Mr. Anderson needs to get an endorsement to drive the livery vehicle.
- 7. The applicant wants to perform livery trips for the Veterans Administration with whom they currently have a contract to provide home health services. The applicant plans to network with nursing homes to get livery referrals. The applicants will also be contacting transportation broker Veyo and DCF to see if they can enter a contract to provide medical livery transportation,
- 8. The applicant will get customers through advertising on social media and word of mouth.
 - 9. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have clean criminal records.
 - 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.

Regarding the applicant's suitability, the applicant submitted a criminal record check for the two members, Keisha and Ricardo Anderson which disclosed no criminal records. The applicants operate a successful home health company. 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 \$3,368, maintenance costs of \$4,800, property tax of \$556, advertising costs of \$600, communication costs of \$720,

equipment costs of \$534, rent of \$4,770 and vehicle financing of \$5,898 for a total expense of \$21,246. The applicant has \$24,000 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 a plan to service its existing home health customers and work with nursing homes, the Veterans Administration and possibly Veyo and DCF to get referrals. 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 Oxford Home Health, LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3757 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3757

Oxford Home Care, LLC is authorized to operate two (2) motor vehicles in general livery service, with a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, from a headquarters in Bloomfield.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure the two (2) vehicles 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 7th day of September 2022.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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CERTIFICATION **DOCKET NO. 2206-N-65-L**

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the decision dated September 7, 2022, in the above-entitled matter were forwarded on September 7, 2022.

COPIES OF THE ABOVED-NOTED DECISION WERE FORWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

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