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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2212-N-123-L

RE: APPLICATION OF JENNIFER MANES DBA JENN DRIVES TO
OPERATE ONE (1) MOTOR VEHICLE IN GENERAL LIVERY
SERVICE, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN
PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN WALLINGFORD

DECISION

FEBRUARY 14, 2023

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on December 6, 2022, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Jennifer Manes dba Jenn Drives (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 63 Olde Village Circle, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492 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 Wallingford.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on February 7, 2023.

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

Jennifer Manes appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 63 Olde Village Circle, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in Wallingford.
2. The applicant proposes to operate a 2017 Nissan Murano. This vehicle is not financed.
3. Ms. Manes has been operating a tour business in Saint Thomas since 2017.
4. The applicant's focus will be on providing transportation for wine tours and airport transportation.

5. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes property tax of \$319, safety equipment costs of \$150, insurance costs of \$4,245 and maintenance costs of \$350.

6. The applicant has \$8,479 in a bank account.

7. Ms. Manes will drive the livery vehicle once she gets a livery endorsement.

8. The applicant will be operating the livery business out of her residence which is acceptable with the zoning board.

9. 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 Jennifer Manes which disclosed no criminal record. The applicant has operated a tour business since 2017 which shows that she has business experience. 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 property tax of \$319, safety equipment costs of \$150, insurance costs of \$4,245 and maintenance costs of \$350 for a total expense of \$5,064. The applicant has \$8,479 in a bank account to cover these startup expenses and is therefore financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant is seeking to provide transportation to wineries as part of a tour package. She will also be providing transportation to and

from airports. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has shown that public convenience and necessity will be improved by a grant of this application.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application in the name of Jennifer Manes dba Jenn Drives is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3770 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3770

Jennifer Manes dba Jenn Drives 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 Wallingford.

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.

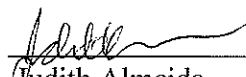
This permit shall remain in effect until it is amended, suspended or revoked by the department. Failure of the permit holder to maintain proper insurance and/or comply with all pertinent motor vehicle laws and other state statutes and/or rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered 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 14th of February 2023.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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