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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2212-N-127-L

RE: APPLICATION OF MORALES TRANSPORTATION SERVICES LLC
TO OPERATE ONE (1) MOTOR VEHICLE IN GENERAL LIVERY
SERVICE, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN
PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN NEW HAVEN

DECISION

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on December 13, 2022, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Morales Transportation Services LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 49 Dickerman Street, 3rd Floor, New Haven, Connecticut 06511 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 New Haven.

B. HEARING

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

Casimiro Morales appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 49 Dickerman Street, 3rd Floor, New Haven, Connecticut 06511.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in New Haven.
2. The applicant proposes to operate a 2018 Cadillac XTS sedan. This vehicle is financed.
3. Mr. Morales has a livery license endorsement and has been driving in livery service part-time for two (2) years.
4. Mr. Morales has been a minister at the Church of God of Prophecy for the past five (5) years.

5. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes vehicle financing of \$5,154, property tax of \$461, insurance costs of \$3,315, maintenance costs of \$350, advertising costs of \$10,500 and communication costs of \$2,100.

6. There are no additional major expenses the applicant needs to incur to start intrastate livery service.

7. The applicant has \$70,560 in a business bank account.

8. Mr. Morales will be the sole driver of the livery vehicle.

9. The applicant will be operating the livery business out of his residence.

10. The applicant wants to transport his church parishioners as well as the public.

11. Mr. Morales has no criminal record.

12. 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 Casimiro Morales which disclosed no criminal record. Mr. Morales is a minister at a church and drives a livery vehicle part-time. 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 vehicle financing of \$5,154, property tax of \$461,

insurance costs of \$3,315, maintenance costs of \$350, advertising costs of \$10,500 and communication costs of \$2,100 for a total expense of \$21,880. The applicant has \$70,560 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 a minister who wants to help his church parishioners receive livery service. He will also work to develop a customer base from the public. 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 Morales Transportation Services LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3769 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3769

Morales Transportation 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 New Haven.

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 7th day of February 2023.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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