

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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# DOCKET NO. 2302-N-28-L

RE: APPLICATION OF HAPPY ADAM'S TRANSPORTATION OF WINDSOR LOCKS LLC TO OPERATE ONE (1) MOTOR VEHICLE IN GENERAL LIVERY SERVICE, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN WINDSOR LOCKS

**DECISION** 

MAY 17, 2023

#### I. INTRODUCTION

#### A. APPLICATION

By application filed on February 15, 2023, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Happy Adam's Transportation of Windsor Locks LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 33 Center Street, Apt A, Windsor Locks, CT 06096 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 Windsor Locks.

#### B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on May 16, 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

Shaikmahmoud Alzubi and Mohammad Alzubi appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 233 Center Street, Apt A Windsor Locks, CT 06096.

#### II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in Windsor Locks.
  - 2. The applicant proposes to operate a 2010 Ford Econoline van which is paid for.
- 3. Shaikmahmoud Alzubi has a livery endorsement. Mohammed Alzubi has several endorsements to drive large vehicles.
- 4. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$5,000, maintenance costs of \$600, communication costs of \$300 and property tax of \$144.

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- 5. The applicant has \$6,728 in a business bank account.
- 6. Both brothers will drive the livery vehicle.
- 7. The applicant will distribute literature about their livery service at nursing homes to develop a customer base.
- 8. Shaikmahmoud operates his own ice cream business in the summer and drives for a livery service in the other months. Mohammed drives large commercial trucks.
  - 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 Shaikmahmoud Alzubi and Mohammad Alzubi which disclosed no criminal record. One of the applicant brothers has operated another business, and both are professional drivers. 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 \$5,000, maintenance costs of \$600, communication costs of \$300 and property tax of \$144 for a total expense of \$6,044. The applicant has \$6,728 in a bank account to cover these startup expenses and is financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant will network with area nursing homes to secure a client base. One of the brothers has contacts in the community having been a livery driver for the past year. 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 Happy Adam's Transportation of Windsor Locks LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3783 is hereby issued as follows:

## **LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3783**

Happy Adam's Transportation of Windsor Locks 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 Windsor Locks.

#### **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 17th of May 2023.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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