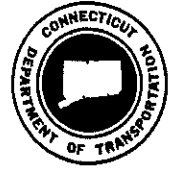




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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2304-N-69-L

RE: APPLICATION OF HALO TRANSPORTATION LLC TO OPERATE
THREE (3) MOTOR VEHICLES IN GENERAL LIVERY SERVICE,
WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN
PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN BOLTON

DECISION

JUNE 27, 2023

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on April 25, 2023, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Halo Transportation LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 255 Hop River Road, Bolton, Connecticut 06043 seeks authorization to operate three (3) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in Bolton.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on June 21, 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

Suzanne Sandstrom and Kimberly O'Halloran appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 255 Hop River Road, Connecticut 06043.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate three (3) motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Bolton.

2. The applicant proposes to operate a 2007 Audi, a 2007 Nissan and a 2016 Kia sedan. Only the Kia is financed while the other two vehicles are paid for.

3. Suzanne operates several businesses while Kimberly has experience in transportation administration and as a Lyft driver.

4. The applicants' expenses include vehicle financing of \$1,147, insurance costs of \$27,793, maintenance costs of \$600 and property tax of \$164.

5. The applicant has \$30,401 in a business bank account.
6. Veyo has expressed an interest in working with the applicant.
7. Both applicant members have a clean criminal history.
8. Kimberly O'Halloran will be a driver and is getting her livery endorsement. Other livery drivers will also be hired.
9. There is a lack of transportation in the applicant's area.
10. This application was no 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 both members which disclosed no criminal record. One member has business experience while the other member has worked in transportation administration. 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 \$1,147, insurance of \$27,793, maintenance costs of \$600 and property tax of \$164 for a total expense of \$29,705. The applicant has \$30,401 in a bank account to cover these startup expenses and is financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant is seeking to provide transportation for Veyo and for the public. Kimberly has contacts which will also help generate a

client base. 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 Halo Transportation LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3789 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3789

Halo Transportation LLC is authorized to operate three (3) motor vehicles in general livery service, with a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, from a headquarters in Bolton.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure the three (3) general livery 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

conspicuously posted in each motor vehicle operated under this permit.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on the 27th day of June 2023.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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