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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2304-N-70-L

RE: APPLICATION OF SAFE START TRANSPORT LLC TO OPERATE
TWO (2) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLES, WITH A SEATING
CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A
HEADQUARTERS IN MERIDEN

DECISION

JULY 5, 2023

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on April 26, 2023, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Safe Start Transport LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 103 Ione Drive, Meriden, Connecticut 06450 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 Meriden.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on June 28, 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

Rachid Tayoubi appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 103 Ione Drive, Meriden, Connecticut 06450.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate two (2) motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Meriden.
2. The applicant will operate a 2019 Acura Sedan and a 2015 Toyota Rav4 which are both paid for.
3. The first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$7,793, property tax of \$588, maintenance costs of \$120 and communication costs of \$1230.
4. The applicant has \$10,000 in a business bank account in the name of the company.

5. The two married members and a brother-in-law will drive the livery vehicles.
6. The two applicant members have a clean criminal history.
7. One applicant member has been an Uber driver for the past few years. He has also driven school children.
8. 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 Rachid Tayoubi and Nafssi Sanaa which disclosed no criminal record. Mr. Tayoubi has been a driver with Uber and has also driven school children. 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 first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$7,793, property tax of \$588, maintenance of \$120 and communication of \$1230 for a total expense of \$9,731. The applicant has \$10,000 in a business bank account to cover these startup expenses and is therefore financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant will have a customer base from his connections as an Uber driver and from his school transportation. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant will receive authorization for two (2) general livery vehicles.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application in the name of Safe Start Transport LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3791 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3791

Safe Start Transport 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 Meriden.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure the two (2) motor vehicles granted in this decision within ninety (90) days. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the general livery authority.

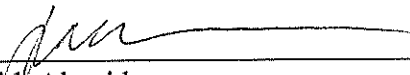
The authority granted under this permit may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational, i.e. a vehicle registered with livery plates thereunder for not less than twenty-four (24) months.

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 5th day of July 2023.

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