

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2304-N-64-L

RE: APPLICATION OF NANI'S LLC TO OPERATE TWO (2) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLES, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN WEST HAVEN

DECISION

JULY 11, 2023

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on April 19, 2023, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Nani's LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 155 Bull Hill Lane, Apt 111, West Haven, Connecticut 06516 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 West Haven.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on July 5, 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

Mumin Seidahmed appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant was represented by Attorney Michael Stone. Attorney Stone's mailing address is 170 Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06510.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate two (2) motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in West Haven.
- 2. The applicant will operate a 2015 Kia Sedona Minivan and a 2012 Chrysler van. Both vehicles are paid for.
 - 3. The applicant has been a livery driver for several years.
- 4. The first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$20,204, property tax of \$194, maintenance costs of \$1,000 and communication costs of \$300.

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- 5. The applicant has \$23,642 in a business bank account in the name of the company.
- 6. The applicant will get livery referrals from his former employer who operates a livery service.
 - 7. The applicant along with his uncle will drive the two (2) livery vehicles.
 - 8. The applicant presented five (5) witnesses in support of the application.
 - 9. Mr. Seidahmed has a clean criminal history.
 - 10. 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 Mumin Seidahmed which disclosed no criminal record. Mr. Seidahmed has a livery driver for several years. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to conduct the additional proposed intrastate livery business.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the first six months of expenses \$20,204, property tax of \$194, maintenance costs of \$1,000 and communication costs of \$300 for a total expense of \$21,698. The applicant has \$23,642 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 has been a livery driver for several years. He has developed a client base and will be able to perform his own livery trips

Docket No. 2304-N-64-L Nani's LLC Page 3 of 6 from his connections with livery companies. In addition, a former employer will be sending him livery referrals. 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 Nani's LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3792 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3792

Nani's 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 West Haven.

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 11th day of July 2023.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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