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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2306-N-88-L

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

DECISION

AUGUST 1, 2023

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on June 8, 2022, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Sunita's Transportation LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 33 Hamlin Street, Manchester, Connecticut 06040 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 Manchester.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on July 26, 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

Geeta Kumar appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 33 Hamlin Street, Manchester, Connecticut 06040.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in Manchester.
2. The applicant proposes to operate a 2016 Subaru Outback which is paid for.
3. Ms. Kumar will be the primary driver of the vehicle. She will apply for her livery endorsement.
4. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$8,921, property tax of \$135, communication costs of \$720, maintenance costs of \$1,500 and advertising costs of \$543.

5. The applicant has \$19,083 in a bank account.
6. The applicant has approached transportation broker Veyo to provide medical livery trips. Veyo sent a letter of support to the department.
7. The applicant has been working in the healthcare industry for many years and will get referrals from the hospitals where she has worked.
8. The applicant will mostly be providing medical livery trips.
9. From her job in various hospitals Mr. Kumar has witness patients having transportation issues.
10. The applicant will advertise on social media, make a professional video and create business cards.
11. 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 Geeta Kumar which disclosed no criminal record. Ms. Kumar has been working in the medical field for many years. 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 of \$8,921, property tax of \$135, communication costs of \$720, maintenance costs of \$1,500 and advertising costs of \$543 for a total expense of \$11,819. The applicant has \$19,083 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 seeking to provide medical livery service. She has many potential livery contacts from the three hospitals she has worked in. As a former hospital employee, the applicant witnessed patients stranded trying to get home. She hopes her livery service will alleviate that problem. 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 Sunita's Transportation LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3797 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3797

Sunita's Transportation LLC to hereby authorized to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service, with a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, from a headquarters in Manchester.

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 1st day of August 2023.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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