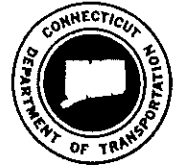


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DOCKET NO. 2312-N-152-L

RE: APPLICATION OF DK CARRIER, LLC TO OPERATE TWO (2)
MOTOR VEHICLES IN GENERAL LIVERY SERVICE, WITH A
SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS,
FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN BRIDGEPORT

DECISION

FEBRUARY 20, 2024

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on December 13, 2023, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, DK Carrier, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Suite 1100, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604 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 Bridgeport.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on February 14, 2024.

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

Denise West appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Suite 1100, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate two (2) motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Bridgeport.
2. The applicant will operate a 2018 and 2019 Dodge Caravan which are paid for.
3. The applicant currently operates a company that transports students for DCF.
4. The first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$4,374, advertising costs of \$500, property tax of \$287, maintenance costs of \$2,000, rent of \$2,550 and communication costs of \$300.

5. The applicant has \$16,192 in a bank account to pay the start-up expenses.
6. The applicant has been approached by several organizations including a lacrosse club and a parent group to provide livery trips.
7. The applicant also plans to provide livery trips for the community.
8. The applicant and her six employees will be driving the livery vehicles.
9. The applicant will advertise the business through social media, flyers, business cards and networking with various facilities.
10. Ms. West has an MBA from Sacred Heart University.
11. Ms. West has a clean criminal history.
12. 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 Denise West which disclosed no criminal record. Ms. West has been working for the past year running her own student transportation company with her daughter. 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 costs of \$4,374, advertising costs of \$500, property tax of \$287, maintenance

costs of \$2,000, rent of \$2,550 and communication costs of \$300 for a total expense of \$10,011. The applicant has \$16,191 in a business bank account to cover these startup expenses and is therefore financially suitable to conduct this proposed operation.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant has been contacted by several groups to provide livery service. The applicant will also be advertising using social media, mailings and networking with facilities to generate a client base. 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 DK Carrier, LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3815 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3815

DK Carrier, 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 Bridgeport.

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.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on the 20th day of February 2024.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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