

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 1808-N-92-L

RE: APPLICATION OF TOTAL LIMO SERVICE, LLC TO OPERATE TWO (2) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLES, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQURTERS IN STAMFORD.

DECISION

SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

I. INTRODUCTION

A. <u>APPLICATION</u>

By application filed on August 2, 2018, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Total Limo Service, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") located at 60 Lawn Avenue, Apt. 32, Stamford, CT 06902 seeks authorization to operate two (2) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, in general livery service from a headquarters in Stamford.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on September 25, 2018.

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

Andre Manochio appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 60 Lawn Avenue, Apt. 32, Stamford, CT 06902.

II. <u>FINDINGS OF FACT</u>

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate two (2) motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Stamford. The headquarters will be located in the home of the member, Mr. Manochio.
 - 2. The applicant has been operating for several years in interstate livery.
- 3. The applicant receives 2-6 calls per week for intrastate livery service that he is unable to perform.
 - 4. The applicant has many corporate clients that want intrastate livery service.
- 5. The applicant will operate a 2014 Lincoln MKS that is paid in full. The second vehicle will most likely be a 2018 Lincoln Navigator which will be financed.

- 6. The applicant presented an updated bank balance of \$13,207.
- 7. The applicants first six months of expenses includes vehicle financing of \$3,486, safety equipment of \$600, insurance of \$4,504, maintenance of \$1,500, property tax of \$412 and communication of \$900.
- 8. The applicant is having difficulty because there are times when there is an intrastate component to the interstate livery trip which he is performing.
 - 9. This application is 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 the only member, Andre Monochio, which showed no convictions. Mr. Monochio has been in the livery business for the past ten years without incident. There is no question that he is suitable to operate the proposed intrastate livery service.

As far as the applicant's financial suitability is concerned the applicant presented evidence that the first six months of expenses includes: vehicle financing of \$3,486, safety equipment of \$600, insurance of \$4,504, maintenance of \$1,500, property tax of \$412 and communication costs of \$900 for a total expense of \$11,402. The applicant has a bank balance of \$13,207 which is sufficient to cover these initial costs.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity the applicant has been in the interstate livery business for the past ten years. The applicant has gained a following and has regular corporate customers who want to use his service to travel intrastate. It is a natural progression for him to handle these two to six calls a week that he now has to refer to other companies.

Based on all of the evidence presented this livery application will be granted.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application is hereby granted and Livery Permit Number 3362 is hereby reissued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3362

Total Limo Service, LLC is hereby permitted to operate two (2) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in Stamford.

Total Limo Service, LLC is permitted and authorized to operate motor vehicles as a common carrier of passengers, in charter and special operations, in interstate commerce under such authorization as issued or amended by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in the issuance of Certificate No. 843412-C.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure the two (2) vehicles granted in this permit within ninety (90) days.

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 September 2018.

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