

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BUREAU OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT



APPLICATION NUMBER: 2010-S-52-T

JOINT APPLICATION FOR THE SALE AND TRANSFER
OF CERTIFICATE NUMBER 644 FOR THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN TAXICAB
SERVICE HELD IN THE NAME OF NORWICH TAXI L.L.C.

TO

FAIRFIELD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION, LLC DBA M7 HOLDER OF CERTIFICATE NUMBER 1154

DECISION

October 22, 2020

Regulatory and Compliance Unit 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Unit 57941, P.O. Box 317546, Newington, CT 06131-7546 Website: CT.GOV/DOT, Fax: 860-594-2859

I. INTRODUCTION

Norwich Taxi L.L.C. hereinafter "transferor", is the holder of Certificate Number 644 for the operation of motor vehicles in taxicab service, last issued by the Department of Transportation, hereinafter "Department", on January 14, 2004 authorizing the operation of the following in taxicab service to all points in Connecticut:

- 1. FIFTEEN (15) motor vehicles within and to and from Norwich, Bozrah, Franklin, Griswold, Lisbon and Sprague.
- 2. THREE (3) motor vehicles within and to and from Canterbury, Plainfield, Sterling and Voluntown. One (1) of which can also be used in Griswold, Lisbon, Preston and Sprague.

NOTE: In the above towns listed in Sections 1 and 2, there is an overlap of authority for Griswold, Lisbon and Sprague, in which all sixteen (16) of the vehicles may be used. The remainder of the towns are serviced by the number of vehicles as indicated.

- 3. TWO (2) motor vehicles within and to and from the following described territories:
 - a) One (1) motor vehicle serving New London and that part of the Town of Groton lying west of Flanders Road, from a point in said road beginning at Palmer's Cove and then running northerly to the Groton-Ledyard town line. This authority, excepting that part of the Town of Groton just described, excluding therefrom so much of the Town of Groton as is known as Groton Long Point and also excluding the Villages of Noank and Mystic, which are east of Flanders Road.
 - b) One (1) motor vehicle in the City of New London, Borough of Groton, and that part of the Town of Groton lying west of Flanders Road, from a point on said road beginning at Palmer's Cove and then running northerly to the Groton-Ledyard town line. This authority, excepting that part of the Town of Groton as just described, excludes therefrom so much of the Town of Groton as is know as Groton Long Point and also excludes the Villages of Noank and Mystic, which are east of Flanders Road
- 4. FIVE (5) motor vehicles within and to and from the Towns of Stonington, North Stonington, Ledyard and Groton/New London Airport.
- 5. ONE (1) motor vehicle within and to and from New London and Groton.
- 6. ONE (1) motor vehicle within and to and from Groton, Montville, New London and Waterford.
- 7. FOUR (4) motor vehicles within and to and from Chaplin, Columbia, Mansfield (Storrs) and Windham (Willimantic) to all points in Connecticut.

Fairfield County Transportation, hereinafter "transferee", is the holder of Certificate Number 1154 for the operation of motor vehicles in taxicab service, last issued by the Department on August 21, 2017, authorizing the operation of the following motor vehicles in taxicab service to all points in Connecticut:

- 1. TEN (10) motor vehicles within and to and from Bridgeport, Trumbull, and Stratford.
- 2. EIGHT (8) motor vehicles within and to and from the Bridgeport.
- 3. ONE (1) motor vehicle within and to and from Trumbull.

II. APPLICANTS' PROPOSAL

By joint application filed on October 1, 2020 with the Department, pursuant to section 13b-96 and 13b-97(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the applicants seek Department approval of the sale and transfer of the authority granted under Certificate Number 644 for the operation of motor vehicles in taxicab service from the transferor, to the transferee.

III. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicants have submitted the proper application before the Department.
- 2. After a review of the transferor's records, it was determined that the transferor had no record of vehicles in use for the six months previous to the application for sale being filed due to the permit being granted temporary suspension on September 1, 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- 3. On September 3 the Court of Probate of New London, for the Estate of Harry F. Knowles, Jr. (10-0231), owner of Norwich Taxi L.L.C., ordered and decreed that: "The Court hereby terminated the proposed sale of Norwich Taxi to Matthew McKeever. The Court hereby APPROVES the sale of Norwich Taxi to M7 for the proposed sum of \$25,000.00. Attorney Gregory shall take the necessary steps to effectuate the sale and close out the estate."
- 4. The transferee's financial statement indicates they are financially able to staff, equip and operate the motor vehicles in taxicab service sold herein.
- 5. The required Connecticut State Police Criminal History Information Reports were filed with the application.
 - 6. A copy of the purchase agreement was submitted with the application.
 - 7. Proof of sufficient insurance coverage for the transferee was submitted with the application.

IV. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

Therefore, based upon the facts stated above, and pursuant to Section 13b-96 and 13b-97(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Department hereby approves the sale and transfer of the authority granted under Certificate Number 644 for the operation of motor vehicles in taxicab service, as proposed, to Fairfield County Transportation, LLC dba M7.

Following the approval of this sale and transfer, the transferee will retain no rights to the authority transferred and Certificate 644 is hereby revoked and merged into the transferor's current Certificate 1154.

CERTIFICATE NUMBER 1154 FOR THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN TAXICAB SERVICE

Fairfield County Transportation, LLC dba M7 is hereby permitted and authorized in accordance with and under the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes and Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, as amended to operate the following motor vehicles in taxicab service from all points in Connecticut:

- 4. TEN (10) motor vehicles within and to and from Bridgeport, Trumbull, and Stratford.
- 5. EIGHT (8) motor vehicles within and to and from the Bridgeport.
- 6. ONE (1) motor vehicle within and to and from Trumbull.
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The authority granted in application 2010-S-52-T may not be sold or transferred until it has been in operation, i.e., a vehicle registered with taxi plates thereunder, for not less than twenty-four (24) consecutive months. If during the twenty-four (24) month period the applicant enters into a contract for the full sale or transfer of any of the vehicles authorized herein, the authority granted in application 2010-S-52-T will be revoked.

This certificate shall remain in effect until revoked by the Department. Failure of the certificate holder to maintain proper insurance and/or comply with all pertinent motor vehicle laws and other State statutes and/or the rules, regulations, and orders of the Department shall be considered sufficient cause to revoke said certificate.

This certificate is transferable only with the approval of the Department and is issued subject to compliance by the holder hereof with all motor vehicle laws of the State of Connecticut, and with such rules, regulations, and orders as this Department may from time to time prescribe thereunder.

A memorandum of this certificate, bearing the seal of the Department, shall be kept conspicuously posted in each motor vehicle operated under this certificate.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut, this 22nd day of October 2020.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Philip T. Scarrozzo

Transit Manager

Bureau of Public Transportation