



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BUREAU OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT**



DOCKET NO. 2205-N-56-HG

APPLICATION OF WAYFORTH TRANSPORTATION, LLC TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR HIRE, AS A HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIER, OVER IRREGULAR ROUTES BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT UPON CALLS RECEIVED FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN SHELTON.

DECISION

June 21, 2022

Regulatory and Compliance Unit
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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Applicant's Proposal

By application filed on May 24, 2022, pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes and assigned Docket No. 2205-N-56-HG, WayForth Transportation, LLC ("hereinafter applicant"), with a mailing address of 100 Trap Falls Road Ext, Suite 100-0500, Shelton, CT 06484, seeks authorization from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department") to operate motor vehicles in the transportation of household goods for hire, as a household goods carrier, over irregular routes between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in Shelton.

B. Hearing

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-391, a hearing is not required on this application.

Notice of the application was given to the applicant and to other interested parties in the municipality of Shelton on May 31, 2022, requesting comments on the application

II. FINDING OF FACT

1. The applicant is seeking to operate an intrastate household goods moving company from a headquarters in Shelton.
2. Craig Shealy has worked in the moving business six (6) years.
3. Prior to focusing on his role as CEO, Craig Shealy had three years of experience in the field directly managing moving teams on site.
4. The applicant currently oversees an experienced management team that successfully operates as a licensed household goods mover in multiple states.
5. The applicant has a \$375,000.00 balance in its business bank account.
6. The applicant will be operating a 2017 Mercedes sprinter Van and a 2021 Freightliner M2 Truck in the moving business.
7. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$6,474.50, vehicle financing of \$15,120, maintenance and repairs of \$20,112, property tax of \$1,239.37, advertising costs of \$1,128, communications costs of \$1,200, office lease of \$50,953.50, and payroll costs of \$243,244.02.
8. Craig Shealy already has employees on payroll to operate the company.
9. Craig Shealy has a clean criminal record.

10. The applicant receives several requests for intrastate moving services every week which he cannot perform because he is not authorized.

11. There was no opposition to a grant of this application.

III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over any person operating any motor vehicle in the transportation of household goods for hire as a household goods carrier pursuant to Section 13b-389 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Further, no person shall operate as a household goods carrier, within Connecticut, without first obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity to so operate.

In determining whether such a certificate shall be granted, the Commissioner of Transportation shall take into consideration the existing motor transportation facilities and the effect upon them of granting such a certificate, the suitability of the applicant, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of the applicant efficiently to perform the service for which the authority is requested, and the criminal history of the applicant pursuant to Section 13b-392 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence of insurance costs of \$6,474.50, vehicle financing of \$15,120, maintenance and repairs of \$20,112, property tax of \$1,239.37, advertising costs of \$1,128, communications costs of \$1,200, office lease cost of \$50,953.50, and payroll costs of \$243,244.02 for a total expense of \$339,471.39. The applicant has \$375,000 in business bank accounts which is sufficient to cover these costs thereby making the applicant financially suitable.

The applicant submitted a criminal record check for Craig Shealy which showed no criminal record. The applicant has prior experience having worked for several moving companies. In addition, the applicant has already been awarded multiple household goods licenses in various states while maintaining their household goods common carrier authority with the FMCSA since 2018. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to handle this proposed operation.

Another factor to be considered is the ability of the applicant to efficiently perform the service for which the authority is requested. The applicant plans to utilize a 2017 Mercedes Sprinter Van and a 2021 Freightliner M2 Truck for the business. The applicant's two vehicles will enable efficient performance of duties.

The last criterion to be considered is the effect on the existing motor carrier facilities by granting this certificate. No moving companies have opposed the application indicating that there would be little, if any, effect on the operators in that area.

Based on the evidence provided, the applicant has proven all the necessary elements to be granted a certificate to operate a household good moving company from a headquarters in Shelton.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Section 13b-391 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the application of WayForth Transportation, LLC is hereby granted, and Certificate Number HG1819 is issued as follows:

CERTIFICATE NUMBER HG1819
TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PROPERTY
FOR HIRE AS A MOTOR COMMON CARRIER

WayForth Transportation, LLC, is hereby permitted and authorized, subject to such regulations and conditions as the department may from time to time prescribe, to transport property for hire as a motor common carrier over irregular routes as follows:

Household goods, within the State of Connecticut, between all points upon calls received at its headquarters in Shelton.

The certificate holder must accept and transport property, as herein authorized in accordance with its tariff on file, for all persons who desire the service to the extent of the certificate holder's facilities at uniform rates for all similar service.

CONDITIONS:

A motor vehicle must be registered and insured under this certificate within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision. Failure to so may result in a revocation of authority.

Certificate holder shall apply for a criminal history background check within 10 days of being notified by the department that the new system is in use by the department. In the event that a criminal history result is contained within the report, this Certificate may be revoked without further action if it was improvidently granted. Notice by email and first-class mail will be provided to the certificate holder.

There shall be carried in each vehicle operated under this authority a copy of the certificate registration receipt by the department.

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

This certificate may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational for more than twenty-four (24) months.

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

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 21st day of June 2022.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Garrett Eucalitto
Deputy Commissioner