


BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: March 14, 2024 P7X

To: Board of Transportation Commissioners

From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager 
Department of Transportation

Subject: **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF AGAPE CARE MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, INC. DBA AGAPE CARE MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, INC. FOR TWO UNRESTRICTED NON-AMBULATORY PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMITS**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a. **Find** that Agape Care Medical Transportation, Inc. dba Agape Care Medical Transportation, Inc. based upon evidence of patients in need of transportation; public convenience and necessity, requires the operation of two unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicles.
- b. **Grant** two unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits to Agape Care Medical Transportation, Inc. dba Agape Care Medical Transportation, Inc. contingent upon:
 1. The applicant filing with the Department in such form as the Department requires and thereafter, keeping in full force and effect a policy of automobile liability insurance acceptable to the City Attorney and the City Risk Manager;
 2. The drivers and attendants obtaining the required permits;
 3. The applicant obtaining commercial or exempt registration for the vehicles;
 4. The vehicles passing Department inspection;
 5. The applicant complying with all Board rules and regulations and City ordinances pertaining to the operation of non-ambulatory passenger vehicles;
 6. The applicant charging only those rates for non-ambulatory passenger vehicle service as set forth in Board Order No. 608 (Ordinance No. 187587) and successor regulations; and
 7. The vehicles must be placed into service within 120 days after the Board of Transportation Commissioners' (Board) approval, or such authority shall become invalid. Upon written request and for good cause, the Department in its discretion, may grant an extension of time beyond the initial 120-day period after Board approval. Any request for an extension beyond the initial deadline date must be received prior to the 120-day deadline. Furthermore, if an extension is granted, only one extension may be allowed per application.

INITIATED BY

On February 1, 2024, the Department received an application from Maria Diosa Dela Cruz Alcaraz, Owner of Agape Care Medical Transportation, Inc. dba Agape Care Medical Transportation, Inc., 9833 Deering Avenue, Stall C, Chatsworth, California 91311, requesting two unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits for gurney vans service (Attachment 1). On February 20, 2024, the Department received the last document needed to complete the application.

DISCUSSION

Agape Care Medical Transportation, Inc. is not currently authorized by the Board to operate any vehicles for hire in the City of Los Angeles.

The history of Agape Care Medical Transportation, Inc.'s business is as follows: On February 22, 2023, the Articles of Incorporation for CA General Stock Corporation were filed with the California Secretary of State establishing Agape Care Medical Transportation, Inc. (Attachment 2). On January 24, 2024, the Statement of Information was filed with the California Secretary of State naming Maria Diosa Dela Cruz Alcaraz as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Alejandro Fabian Sanchez as the Chief Financial Officer, and Elisse Faith Dela Cruz Alcaraz as the Secretary of the company (Attachment 3). On December 28, 2023, Agape Care Medical Transportation, Inc. filed a Fictitious Business Name Statement with the Los Angeles County Clerk to do business as Agape Care Medical Transportation, Inc. (Attachment 4). Maria Diosa Dela Cruz Alcaraz and Alejandro Fabian Sanchez are the two shareholders of the company.

Public Convenience and Necessity

The application of Agape Care Medical Transportation, Inc. was evaluated against Section 2 of the Guidelines for Establishing Public Convenience and Necessity as established by the Board on August 11, 2005, for applicants with no unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits (Attachment 5).

- a. Experience – The applicant submitted the resume of Mr. Alejandro Fabian Sanchez. The applicant states that he was the Chief Financial Officer and Operations Manager for Agape Care Medical Transportation, Inc. from January 2024 to present. He was also the Medical Transportation Supervisor for St. Anthony Medical Transportation, Inc. from January 2018 to November 2022. His resume states that he was responsible for hiring, payroll, training drivers, managing drivers' schedule and dispatch operations.
- b. Background Check – The background checks were conducted on the owners and operation manager of Agape Care Medical Transportation, Inc. and no disqualifying criminal history were found as listed in Board Order No. 600.
- c. Financial Capability – The applicant submitted financial documentation showing that the company demonstrates sufficient liquid assets to support the request for two non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits.
- d. Hours of Operation – The regular hours of operation for transportation service are 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday, and no service on Sunday.

There is no documented evidence of illegal operation by Agape Care Medical Transportation, Inc. dba Agape Care Medical Transportation, Inc. in the City of Los Angeles in the past 12 months.