# BOARD REPORT CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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To:

**Board of Transportation Commissioners** 

From:

Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager

Subject:

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF FIRST CARE MEDICAL

TRANSPORTATION INC. FOR ONE UNRESTRICTED NON-AMBULATORY PASSENGER

**VEHICLE PERMIT** 

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

## That your Board:

- a. **Find** that First Care Medical Transportation Inc. based upon evidence of patients in need of transportation; public convenience and necessity, requires the operation of one unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle.
- b. **Grant** one unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permit to First Care Medical Transportation Inc. contingent upon:
  - 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;
  - 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 May 21, 2024, the Department received an application from Ronan Isajani, Owner of First Care Medical Transportation Inc., 1720 South San Gabriel Boulevard, Suite 216, San Gabriel, California 91776, requesting for one unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permit for gurney van services (Attachment 1). On June 4, 2024, the Department received the last document needed to complete the application. On June 21, 2024, the background check documents were cleared to proceed with the application process.

## **DISCUSSION**

First 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 First Care Medical Transportation Inc.'s business is as follows: On September 7, 2023, the Articles of Incorporation of a General Stock Corporation were filed with the California Secretary of State establishing First Care Medical Transportation Inc. (Attachment 2). On September 15, 2023, the Statement of Information was filed with the California Secretary of State naming Ronan Isajani as the Chief Executive Office and Secretary, and Zorik Isajane as the Chief Financial Officer of the company (Attachment 3). Ronan Isajani and Zorik Isajane are the shareholders of the company.

## Public Convenience and Necessity

The application of First 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 4).

- a. <u>Experience</u> The applicant submitted the resume of Zorik Isajane, Managing Transportation Fleet Operations of Kyra Care Inc from August 2020 to October 2023. His resume states that he was responsible for managing a fleet of vehicles, scheduling maintenance and repairs, and coordinating with drivers and dispatchers to ensure timely deliver.
- <u>Background Check</u> The background checks were conducted on the owners and operation manager of First Care Medical Transportation Inc. and no disqualifying criminal history was found as listed in Board Order No. 600.
- c. <u>Financial Capability</u> The applicant submitted financial documentation showing that the company demonstrates sufficient liquid assets to support the request for one non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permit.
- d. <u>Hours of Operation</u> The regular hours of operation for transportation service are 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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

B24-008.kj Attachments