


BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: September 12, 2024 P7X

To: Board of Transportation Commissioners

From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager 

Subject: **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF NEWCASTLE VAN LINES INC. DBA CALI VAN MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION FOR ONE UNRESTRICTED NON-AMBULATORY PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMIT**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a. **Find** that Newcastle Van Lines Inc. dba Cali Van Medical Transportation 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 Newcastle Van Lines Inc. dba Cali Van Medical Transportation 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 April 3, 2024, the Department received an application from Nodirbek Kilichov, Owner of Newcastle Van Lines Inc. dba Cali Van Medical Transportation, 9544 West Pico Boulevard, Suite 202, Los Angeles, California 90035, requesting for one unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permit for wheelchair van services (Attachment 1). On August 6, 2024, the Department received the last document needed to complete the application.

DISCUSSION

Newcastle Van Lines Inc. dba Cali Van Medical Transportation is not currently authorized by the Board to operate any vehicles for hire in the City of Los Angeles.

The history of Newcastle Van Lines Inc.'s business is as follows: On August 3, 2015, the Articles of Incorporation of a General Stock Corporation were filed with the California Secretary of State establishing Newcastle Van Lines Inc. (Attachment 2). On December 4, 2023, the Statement of Information was filed with the California Secretary of State naming Nodirbek Kilichov as the Chief Executive Office, Uktam Kilichov as the Chief Financial Officer, and Jasur Kilichov as the Secretary of the company (Attachment 3). On March 5, 2024, Newcastle Van Lines Inc. filed a Fictitious Business Name Statement with the Los Angeles County Clerk to do business as Cali Van Medical Transportation (Attachment 4). Uktam Kilichov and Nodirbek Kilichov are the two shareholders of the company.

Public Convenience and Necessity

The application of Newcastle Van Lines Inc. dba Cali Van Medical Transportation 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 the Operations Manager Uktam Kilichov. The applicant states that Mr. Kilichov was the Fleet Manager of Newcastle Van Lines Inc. from August 2015 to present. His resume states that he is responsible for managing payments, accounting, hiring and training employees, scheduling drivers, and dispatching vehicles.
- b. Background Check – The background checks were conducted on the owners and operation manager of Newcastle Van Lines Inc. dba Cali Van Medical Transportation and no disqualifying criminal history was 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 one non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permit.
- d. Hours of Operation – The regular hours of operation for transportation service are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

There is no documented evidence of illegal operation by Newcastle Van Lines Inc. dba Cali Van Medical Transportation in the City of Los Angeles in the past 12 months.