

BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: October 10, 2024 P7X

To: Board of Transportation Commissioners

From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager

Subject: **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF PPS PARKING, INC. FOR ONE RESTRICTED NON-AMBULATORY PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMIT AND ONE RESTRICTED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE PERMIT**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a. **Find** that PPS Parking, Inc. based upon evidence of patients in need of transportation; public convenience and necessity, requires the operation of one restricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle and one restricted public transportation vehicle (PTV).
- b. **Grant** one restricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permit and one PTV permit to PPS Parking, 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 and PTVs;
 6. The applicant charging only those rates for non-ambulatory passenger vehicle and PTV 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 August 6, 2024, the Department received an application from Linda Sue Paliska, Owner of PPS Parking, Inc., 202 Fashion Lane, Suite 103, Tustin, California 92780, requesting one restricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permit for gurney services and one restricted public transportation vehicle permit (Attachment 1). On September 24, 2024, the Department received the last document needed to complete the application.

DISCUSSION

PPS Parking, Inc. is not currently authorized by the Board to operate any vehicles for hire in the City of Los Angeles.

The history of PPS Parking, Inc.'s business is as follows: On September 20, 1995, the Articles of Incorporation were filed with the California Secretary of State establishing PPS Parking, Inc. (Attachment 2). On June 13, 2023, the Statement of Information was filed with the California Secretary of State naming Paul Paliska as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Financial Officer, and Linda Paliska as the Secretary of the company (Attachment 3). Linda Sue Paliska is the sole shareholder of the company.

Public Convenience and Necessity

The application of PPS Parking, 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 restricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits (Attachment 4).

- a. Experience – The applicant submitted the resume of Paul Paliska as the President and CEO of PPS Parking, Inc. He is the President and CEO of PPS Parking, Inc. from June 2023 to Present, and was Executive Vice President of the company from July 1983 to June 2023. His resume states that he was responsible for overseeing the company's operations, including driver and fleet management, technology integration, customer service, compliance, staff recruitment, and strategic planning.
- b. Background Check – The background check was conducted on the Operation Manager of PPS Parking, Inc. 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 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Friday.

There is no documented evidence of illegal operation by PPS Parking, Inc. in the City of Los Angeles in the past 12 months.