


BOARD REPORT  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: November 14, 2024 P7X

To: Board of Transportation Commissioners

From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager 

Subject: **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF GUARDIAN SAINT LLC FOR ONE UNRESTRICTED NON-AMBULATORY PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMIT**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Board:

- a. **Find** that Guardian Saint LLC 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 Guardian Saint LLC 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 August 29, 2024, the Department received an application from Artush Karapetyan, Owner of Guardian Saint LLC, 523 East Glenoaks Boulevard, Glendale, California 91207, requesting for one unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permit for gurney van services (Attachment 1). On October 29, 2024, the Department received the last document needed to complete the application.

**DISCUSSION**

Guardian Saint LLC is not currently authorized by the Board to operate any vehicles for hire in the City of Los Angeles.

The history of Guardian Saint LLC's business is as follows: On February 27, 2024, the Articles of Organization of a Limited Liability Company were filed with the California Secretary of State establishing Guardian Saint LLC (Attachment 2). On March 11, 2024, the Statement of Information (Limited Liability Company) was filed with the California Secretary of State naming the members of the company as Artush Karapetyan and Dertad T. Bedjakian (Attachment 3). Artush Karapetyan and Dertad Tad Bedjakian are the owners of the company.

Public Convenience and Necessity

The application of Guardian Saint LLC 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 permit (Attachment 4).

- a. Experience – The applicant submitted the resume of Mr. Gevorg Grigoryan. The applicant states that he was the Manager of Art Med Trans, Inc. from May 2021 to March 2024. His resume states that he managed payroll, hired and trained the drivers, assigned driver schedules, and oversaw dispatch of vehicles.
- b. Background Check – The background checks were conducted on the owners and operation manager of Guardian Saint LLC 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 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There is no documented evidence of illegal operation by Guardian Saint LLC in the City of Los Angeles in the past 12 months.