


BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: December 12, 2024 P7X
To: Board of Transportation Commissioners
From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager 
Subject: **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF MEDWHEELZ INC. FOR ONE UNRESTRICTED NON-AMBULATORY PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMIT**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a. **Find** that Medwheelz 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 Medwheelz 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 October 18, 2024, the Department received an application from Odet Nazaryan, Owner of Medwheelz Inc., 6360 Van Nuys Boulevard, Suite 15, Van Nuys, California 91401, requesting for one unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permit for wheelchair van services (Attachment 1). On November 11, 2024, the Department received the last document needed to complete the application.

DISCUSSION

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

The history of Medwheelz Inc.'s business is as follows: On July 31, 2024, the Articles of Incorporation of a General Stock Corporation were filed with the California Secretary of State establishing Medwheelz Inc. (Attachment 2). On October 2, 2024, the Statement of Information Corporation was filed with the California Secretary of State naming Odet Nazaryan as the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Secretary of the company (Attachment 3). Odet Nazaryan is the sole shareholder of the company.


Public Convenience and Necessity

The application of Medwheelz 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. Experience – The applicant submitted the resume of Odet Nazaryan, Manager and Private Medical Transportation Fleet Manager of Doctor Reyes A. Rosendo MD in Orange County from January 1994 to November 2012. Her resume states that she managed billing, insurance, and liability aspect of the business. She also managed a team of three drivers, three vehicles, and coordinated transportation for the patients.
- b. Background Check – The background check was conducted on the owner and operation manager of Medwheelz 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 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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

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Attachments

Approved: <u>12/12/2024</u>
Board of Transportation Commissioners

Commission Executive Assistant