

BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: March 13, 2025 P7X

To: Board of Transportation Commissioners

From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager

Subject: **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE REASSIGNMENT OF THREE UNRESTRICTED NON-AMBULATORY PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMITS FROM LUCKY RIDERS, INC. TO THE NEW OWNERS OF LUCKY RIDERS, INC. DUE TO A SALE OF ALL ASSETS**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a. **Find** that Lucky Riders, Inc. due to the sale of all assets of Lucky Riders, Inc., and based upon evidence of patients in need of transportation, public convenience and necessity, requires the operation of three unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicles under new ownership.
- b. **Reassign** three unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits due to a sale of all assets of Lucky Riders, Inc. to the new owner of Lucky Riders, 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.

- c. **Revoke** three unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits previously granted to Lucky Riders, Inc.

INITIATED BY

On February 4, 2025, the Department received an application for the reassignment of three unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits used as gurney vans from Ivan Lauritzen, Owner and President of Lucky Riders, Inc. located at 1919 Williams Street, Suite 310, Simi Valley, California 93065 (Attachment 1). On March 3, 2025, Mr. Lauritzen submitted the last document needed to complete the application.

DISCUSSION

Lucky Riders, Inc. is currently authorized by the Board to operate three unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicles for hire in the City of Los Angeles. The Board granted Lucky Riders, Inc. three vehicle permits on June 9, 2022.

According to the Application Procedure for Vehicle Permits, when a company with vehicle permits undergoes an ownership change, the company must notify the Department and the Board must formally approve the change. Ivan Lauritzen purchased all of the assets from Lucky Riders, Inc. The applicant submitted a Business Purchase Agreement, dated November 1, 2024, between Ivan Lauritzen, Purchaser, and Albert Mathews Matthewsian, Seller.

The history of Lucky Riders, Inc.'s business is as follows: On June 19, 2018, the Articles of Incorporation of a General Stock Corporation were filed with the California Secretary of State establishing Lucky Riders, Inc. (Attachment 2). On November 5, 2024, the Statement of Information Corporation was filed with the California Secretary of State naming Ivan Lauritzen as Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, and Yaquelin Roa as Chief Executive Officer (Attachment 3). Ivan Lauritzen is the sole owner of Lucky Riders, Inc.

Public Convenience and Necessity

The application of Lucky Riders, 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 Operations Manager Albert Matthewsian, who has owned Lucky Riders, Inc., from January 2020 to November 2024. Mr. Matthewsian's resume states that his responsibilities include managing customer relations and billing protocols, dispatching, staffing, and driver training.
- b. Background Check – The background checks were conducted on the owner and the general manager of Lucky Riders, 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 has sufficient liquid assets to support the request for three non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits.

- d. Hours of Operation – The regular hours of operation for transportation services are 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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

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Attachments