

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

ORDER NO. 19,000

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served September 21, 2020

BRIDGEWAY COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.,)
WMATC No. 2712, Investigation of)
Violation of Certificate No. 2712)
and Regulation No. 64)

Case No. MP-2018-045

This matter is before the Commission on the response of respondent to Order No. 17,572, served April 20, 2018.

I. BACKGROUND

Certificate of Authority No. 2712 authorized respondent to transport passengers for hire between points in the Metropolitan District in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 or fewer persons, including the driver. Respondent's 2018 annual report listed two vehicles: a 2008 Ford with a reported seating capacity of 16 persons and a 2014 Chevrolet with a reported seating capacity of 15 persons.

Commission staff instructed respondent to present the 2008 Ford for inspection on or before January 31, 2018, so that its seating capacity might be verified. Respondent did not respond. Accordingly, the 2008 Ford was ordered out of service on February 1, 2018, pursuant to Regulation No. 64-05.

Respondent later presented the 2008 Ford for inspection on February 8, 2018, and Commission staff determined that it had a seating capacity of 18 persons, including the driver. Records obtained from the District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles indicated that respondent obtained the 2008 Ford on October 8, 2015.

Order No. 17,572 directed respondent to immediately cease and desist from transporting passengers for hire between points in the Metropolitan District in the 2008 Ford; submit a statement under oath confirming cessation; produce a current vehicle list, copies of vehicle registration cards for those vehicles, a current list of drivers, and all insurance and safety records relating to respondent's vehicles and drivers; present all of its vehicles for inspection by Commission staff; and produce pertinent business records from October 8, 2015, to April 20, 2018.

While this proceeding was pending, respondent filed an application seeking voluntary termination of Certificate No. 2712 on May

14, 2020. The Commission approved the application and Certificate No. 2712 was terminated effective that same date.¹

II. RESPONSE AND ORDER TO TERMINATE PROCEEDING

On May 18, 2018, respondent produced an affidavit of its CEO, Isaiah Teasley, a list of drivers with corresponding driving records, and various other responsive business records. On August 3, 2018, respondent also produced a WMATC vehicle list which did not include the 18-passenger Ford, vehicle registration certificates for the listed vehicles, and vehicle safety inspection certificates. Lastly, on December 20, 2018, respondent produced a surrendered tags receipt showing that the tags for the 18-passenger Ford were returned to the District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles.

In its affidavit, respondent's CEO states that "as of April 20, 2018 Bridgeway Community Services Incorporated has ceased and desisted from transporting passengers for hire between points in the Metropolitan District in our 2008 Ford Vehicle." This statement is corroborated by the vehicle list submitted on August 3, 2018, and the surrendered tags receipt dated December 5, 2018.

Based on the evidence, we find that respondent has demonstrated it ceased transporting passengers for hire between points in the Metropolitan District in the 2008 Ford listed in respondent's 2018 annual report. Accordingly, this proceeding is hereby terminated.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS MAROOTIAN, HOLCOMB, AND RICHARD:



Jeffrey M. Lehmann
Executive Director

¹ *In re Bridgeway Cmty. Servs., Inc.*, No. AP-20-089, Order No. 18,835 (May 14, 2020).