

an investigation to be made regarding the applicant, the business to be operated and the facts as set forth in the application. After the investigation, if the Comptroller is of the opinion that the applicant is not a fit person to receive the license or permit applied for, or has made a material false statement in his application or has practiced fraud in connection with said application or that there are other reasons, in the discretion of the Comptroller, why the license or permit should not be issued, then the application shall be denied, and no such license or permit shall be issued. If no such findings are made by the Comptroller, then the application shall be approved and the license or permit issued.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 6. 1933 (Special Sess.), ch. 2, sec. 6. 1939, ch. 468.

16. (Procedure in Issue of Licenses in Baltimore City and in Counties Having a Board of License Commissioners.) Before the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City or any County shall approve any license, the said Board shall cause a notice of such application to be published two times in two successive weeks, in three newspapers of general circulation in Baltimore City, if the applicant proposes to do business in said City, and if the applicant purposes to do business in any of the counties, in two newspapers of general circulation in said county where two newspapers are published, and if not, then in one newspaper having a general circulation in said county; the said notice shall specify the name of the applicant, the kind of license applied for, and the location of the place of business proposed to be licensed, and the time and place fixed by the Board for hearing upon the application which shall be not less than seven, nor more than thirty days after the last publication. If the application be in Baltimore City or Baltimore, Washington, or Prince George's County, the Board shall cause a suitable sign or notice to be posted in a conspicuous place upon the premises described in the application, at least ten days before action upon such application, and said notice shall also specify the time and place fixed by the Board for hearing upon the application. The expenses of all such publications and the posting of such notice shall be borne by the applicant and every applicant shall be required to pay to the Board of License Commissioners a sufficient sum to cover the cost of such publication and notice before any such publication and notice. At the time fixed by the notice for hearing upon the application or upon any postponement of such time, any person shall be heard on either side of the question, and in Baltimore City if it shall appear that more than fifty percent (50%) in number of the owners of real or leasehold property situated within 200 feet of the place of business for which application is made are opposed to the granting of the license, or if the Board of License Commissioners for said City or any County determines that the granting of the license is not necessary for the accommodation of the public or that the applicant is not a fit person to receive the license applied for, or has made a material false statement in his application, or has practiced fraud in connection with said application, or that the operation of the business, if the license is granted, will unduly disturb the peace of the residents of the neighborhood in which the place of business is to be located, or that there are other reasons, in the discretion of the Board, why the license should not be issued, then the application shall be disapproved and the license applied for shall be refused. If no such findings are made by the Board, then the application shall be approved and the said Board shall issue its certificate of approval for presentation to the Clerk of