

cant is not less than twenty-one years of age; (2) each application for a license must be verified by the affidavit of the applicant; (3) in lieu of the certificate, there shall be annexed to every such application the affidavit of at least ten reputable citizens, voters and taxpayers residing in the election district in which the applicant lives, certifying that each of them has been personally acquainted with the applicant for one year at least, knows him to be a person of good moral character, knows that the statements of fact contained in the applicant's petition for a license are true, and verily believes that the assurance in such application will be faithfully fulfilled.

(i) WASHINGTON COUNTY. In Washington County the certificate shall be signed by at least three citizens who shall be owners of real estate and registered voters in Washington County, setting forth a statement that the qualifying applicant, or applicants, as the case may be, is personally known to them and has been a resident of the county for two years next preceding the presentation to them of the application.

50. PUBLICATION AND OTHER EXPENSES. All expenses in connection with the publication of the notice of application and the giving of notice to the applicant and the protestants, shall be borne by the applicant, and the applicant shall deposit, in advance, with the Board of License Commissioners or the Clerk of the Court, as the case may be, a sufficient sum to cover such publication and the giving of such notice.

### PROCEDURE FOR ISSUE OF LICENSES

51. COMPTROLLER. Before the Comptroller shall approve any license or permit he shall cause 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.

52. BOARDS OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS. (a) GENERAL PROCEDURE. Before the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City or any County shall approve any