

19-15.1. Same, permit required.

(a) No person shall engage in business as a canvasser or solicitor by calling at residences without the previous consent of the occupant for the purpose of soliciting donations without first obtaining a permit from the Department of Permits and Licenses authorizing such solicitation; which permit shall not be issued without first being approved by the **[director of public safety]** *Chief of Police of Baltimore County*.

19-15.2. Exemptions.

The provisions of Section 19-15.1 shall not apply to any established person organized and operated exclusively for religious and charitable purposes and not operated for the pecuniary gain of any person, nor shall the provisions of Section 19-15.1 apply to those religious or charitable organizations already approved by the Baltimore County Police **[Bureau]** *Department*.

19-15.4. Investigation.

The **[Director of Public Safety]** *Chief of Police* shall examine all applications filed hereunder, and shall make such further investigation of the application and applicants as he shall deem necessary in order to determine whether or not the statements made in the application are true and whether or not the solicitation requested would be a fraud on the public.

19-15.5. Granting or Denying Permit.

A permit shall be approved by the **[Director of Public Safety]** *Chief of Police* unless he shall find that there exists any of the following grounds for denial:

(a) A permit shall be denied if any of the statements made in the application are untrue.

(b) A permit shall be denied unless the **[director]** *chief* shall find that each of the following conditions exists:

(1) That all the statements made in the application are true.

(2) That the applicant has a good character and reputation for honesty and integrity, or, if the applicant is not an individual, that every principal member, officer or agent of the applicant has a good character or reputation for honesty and integrity.

(3) That the applicant is not engaged in any fraudulent transaction or enterprise.

(4) That the solicitation will not be a fraud on the public.

(5) That the solicitation will not be conducted primarily for private profit.

(6) That the character and method of the solicitation and its duration are such that it will not be inimical to the safety, convenience or welfare of the general public.

Section 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 21-6, 21-8, 21-8.1, 21-9, 21-10, 21-12, 21-12.1, 21-13, 21-14, 21-16, 21-16.1, 21-17, 21-18, 21-19, 21-20 and 21-21, of the Baltimore County Code, 1958, as amended, Title "Pensions and Retirement" be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted with amendments to read as follows:

Article II. Fire Department Generally.

21-6. Trustees of special fund.

*The County Administrative Officer, the **[Director of Public Safety]** *Fire Chief* and the Director of Finance, shall be the trustees of the special*