

or petitioners shall apply for a license to do business, stating the full name, residence or place of business of each person certifying that they have been acquainted with the petitioner for one year preceding said application for said license, and that they have good reason to believe and do believe that all the statements contained in said petition are true and that they, therefore, pray that the prayer of said petitioner be granted, and that the license be issued as prayed for.

316G. Immediately upon receipt of said application, the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall cause a notice of the application for said license to be advertised at least two times during the period of one week in some daily newspaper published in Allegany County.

On or before the expiration of said period of one week, any three or more reputable citizens, voters and taxpayers residing in the neighborhood in which the business sought to be licensed is to be carried on, or the State's Attorney for Allegany County, or in the event said place of business is located within an incorporated town or city, then the governing officers of said municipal corporation may file with the Clerk written objections to the granting of such license which shall be verified by the oath of said remonstrants. The following grounds shall be the sole basis for a remonstrance against the issuance of said license:

(a) That the same is not necessary for the accommodation of the public;

(b) That the applicant is not a fit person to receive such license; provided that in determining fitness, the Court shall not consider any prior convictions of the applicant of the liquor laws of the United States, State of Maryland, Allegany County, or its municipalities occurring prior to January 1, 1933.

(c) That said applicant has made a material false statement in his application;

(d) That the place for which said license is applied is not a proper one with reference to the public peace and general welfare of the neighborhood or to the character of its inhabitants, due regard being given to the number of said licenses issued for said neighborhood.

If such remonstrance is filed, the said Clerk shall not issue said license, but the application, objections and other papers or documents appertaining thereto shall be forthwith submitted to the Circuit Court for Allegany County and said Court shall fix a day as early as practicable when