

denied by the Board of Commissioners, the license fee, less the Administrative Fee, shall be refunded to the applicant.

Section 4-6. Publication of Notice.

(a) Upon the filing of the application for a license for retail sale of distilled spirits for consumption off of the premises where sold, the County shall publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County once a week for two (2) weeks, setting forth that such application has been filed. Should such notice need to be republished for any reason not the fault of the County then the applicant shall pay an additional Administrative Fee to cover the cost of the County having to republish such notice.

(b) Upon the filing of the application for a license for retail sale of any alcoholic beverage by the drink for consumption on the premises where sold, the County shall publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County once a week for two (2) weeks, setting forth that such application has been filed and that a public hearing will be held by the Board on said matter at the location, date and time specified in such notice. Should such notice need to be republished for any reason not the fault of the County then the applicant shall pay an additional Administrative Fee to cover the cost of the County having to republish such notice. Such hearing shall be held within seven (7) days after the second publication of such notice. The Board shall, within seven (7) days of such hearing, grant or refuse the requested license.

Section 4-7. Considerations for License Grant.

In determining the question of the granting or refusal of the license applied for hereunder, the Board shall consider: the location of the establishment for which licensure is being sought; the uses of the property surrounding the property at which the establishment will be operated for which licensure is being sought; the current zoning of the property at which the establishment will be operated for which licensure is being sought; the integrity of the applicant, his business co-owners, directors and officers, and his employees at the establishment for which licensure is being sought; the criminal convictions, if any, of the applicant, his business co-owners, directors and officers, or his employees at the establishment for which licensure is being sought for the violation of any criminal statutes; the number of times in the past three (3) years licenses under this Ordinance have been issued for the establishment for which licensure is being sought; the violation(s), if any, of this Ordinance (or any similar predecessor ordinance or resolution of the County regarding alcoholic beverages) or the Georgia Alcoholic Beverage Code occurring at the establishment for which licensure is being sought during the past three (3) years; whether the applicant (or the individual making the application on behalf of the applicant) is lawfully present in the United States; whether the applicant is registered to use and is using the Federal Work Authorization Program; the bona fides and arm's length nature of the acquisition of the establishment for which licensure is being sought by applicant from the existing or prior owner and/or licensee of such establishment; and, the accuracy and completeness of the application and the information, documents and statements submitted as a part thereof or supplementary thereto, for the license applied for.