

of a license, and the person so authorized shall have a right to be heard before the Board against the granting of such license.

(10) Unless at the instance of the Board no objection in respect of the character of any applicant shall be entertained until three days' notice has been given to the applicant. The notice may be served personally or left at the usual place of residence or business of the applicant. The service may be proved orally or by affidavit sworn before a Justice of the Peace or a Commissioner for taking affidavits.

(11) Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, the Board may, of their own motion, take notice of any matter or thing which in their opinion would be an objection to the granting of a license, although no notice or objection has been given or made as by this Act provided; in such case the Board shall notify the applicant, and shall adjourn their hearing of the application, if requested by him, for any period, not exceeding fourteen days, in order that any person affected by the objection may have an opportunity of answering the same.

(12) The decision of the Board, when once announced by the Chairman, shall not be questioned or reconsidered; provided, nevertheless, that in cases in which the decision of the Board has not been unanimous, or in cases in which the person or persons affected by such decision petition the Board and allege facts and grounds for their consideration not formerly before them, the Board may, by resolution, in which all of the Commissions concur, decide to rehear the case. When a rehearing is allowed notice thereof shall be given by the Inspector to at least one of the Petitioners, or his agent.

(13) Any petition against the granting of a license shall be lodged with the Inspector at least four days before the said first meeting of the Board to consider the application; and the Inspector shall present the same Board at the first meeting thereof.

(14) The Inspector shall keep a list posted in his office for three days previous to the meeting of the Board, of all certificates and petitions lodged with him as aforesaid, and every such petition or certificate shall be open for public inspection without fee.

(15) Every application for a license, and all objections to every such application, shall be heard and determined at a meeting of the Board.

(16) Every such hearing shall be open to the public, and the Board may summon and examine on oath such witnesses as they may think necessary, and as nearly as may be in the manner directed by any Act now or hereafter to be in force relating to the duties of Justices in relation to summary convictions; and any member of the Board may administer the oath; but, nevertheless, nothing herein contained shall prevent the Board from retiring or sitting with closed doors while considering or preparing their decision or judgment in respect of any application or applications.

(17) Any meeting of the Board for the consideration of applications may, at the discretion of the Board, be adjourned from time to time to the same or any other place or building within the district.

(18) Where the Inspector has not taken or set apart premises especially for the purposes of an office, the room or rooms in which he usually conducts his official business, whether at his residence or place of business, shall be deemed to be his office for the purposes of this Act.

(19) The foregoing sub-sections of this section are declared to be obligatory on the Board and Inspector, but non-compliance therewith shall not invalidate the action of the Board or Inspector.

12.—(1) If, upon application of any person requiring a license, it appears that such applicant is the true owner of the business of the premises for which a license is sought, and has complied with the re-