

## Application Process Section 1.4

license or revoking as issued license, and shall make the applicant liable to prosecution for perjury under the laws of the State of Georgia.

- (D) Each applicant shall certify that applicant has read this Ordinance and if the license is granted, each licensee shall maintain a copy of this Ordinance on the premises and shall require each of the licensee's employees to be familiar with this Ordinance.
- (E) Once an application, the accompanying documents, and the required investigative and license fees are filed with the Mayor, a copy of the application and all accompanying documents shall be referred to the Chief of Police for the City of East Ellijay for a thorough investigation. The Chief of Police or his designee shall make a written report regarding the qualifications of the applicants to the Mayor and City Council. If the report of the Chief of Police is favorable and the Mayor and City Council finds that the applicant meets all qualifications, *the Mayor and City Council shall schedule the application for a hearing at the next City Council meeting and shall so inform the applicant of this fact before such meeting and if the application is for sale of alcoholic beverages by the package or by the drink shall instruct the applicant to publish prior to said meeting, notice in the form herein provided in the official county organ of Gilmer County, Georgia of the applicant's intent to secure a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages by the package or by the drink; the exact location of the place of business for which a license is sought; and the names and addresses of each owner of the business; and if the applicant is a corporation, the names and titles of all corporate officers.* If the report of the Chief of Police is unfavorable, or if the Mayor and City Council finds that the applicant fails to meet all of the qualifications outlined by this Ordinance, then the Mayor shall inform the applicant, in writing, that his application has been denied, and shall set forth in reasonable detail the reasons for the denial and shall notify the applicant of his right to appeal; said appeal to be in accordance with Section 1.8 of this article.
- (F) Any application which the Mayor and City Council determines to satisfy all the qualifications outlined in this Ordinance, including character requirements as contained in the report of the East Ellijay Chief of Police, shall be scheduled for review at the next meeting of the City Council. At that meeting, the applicant and any person opposed to said application has the right to present to the City Council any information which the City Council determines is relevant to the licensing decision. In making its determination on whether to approve or deny the application, the City Council shall look to the public interest and welfare and shall have the sole discretion to grant or deny the application based on the information presented. A decision by the Council meeting, and notice of that decision shall be mailed to the applicant. In the event the application is denied, such written notification shall set forth in reasonable detail the reason for the denial and shall notify the applicant of his right to appeal; said appeal to be in accordance with Section 1.8 of this article.
- (G) In all instances in which an application is denied under the provisions of this Ordinance, the applicant may not reapply for the same type of license for at least one year from the final date of such denial.
- (H) Upon the issuance of a license, the licensee must have and continuously maintain in Gilmer County, a registered agent upon whom any process, notice or demand required or permitted by law, or under this Ordinance to be served upon the licensee may be served. This person