

of the Commissioners be renewed for like periods if no complaint is made to the Commissioners on account thereof or if, after such complaint has been made and duly considered at a public hearing held by the Commissioners on due notice, the Commissioners find that renewal is justified. No renewal shall be granted except on application therefor. Any such application shall be made at least sixty days prior to the expiration of the exemption or partial exemption. Immediately prior to making his application for renewal the applicant shall give public notice of such application in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commissioners. Any renewal granted pursuant to this subsection shall be on the same grounds and subject to the same limitations and requirements as provided in subsection (a) of this section.

(d) An exemption, partial exemption, or renewal thereof shall not be a right of the applicant or holder thereof but shall be in the discretion of the Commissioner.

(e) Nothing in this section and no exemption, partial exemption, or renewal granted under this section shall be construed to prevent or limit the application of the emergency provisions and procedures of section 14 of this Act to any person or his property.

HEARINGS AND JUDICIAL REVIEW

SEC. 16. (a) Any person aggrieved by an order of the Commissioners issued under this Act may obtain a review of such order in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals by filing in such court, within sixty days after the issuance of such order, a written petition praying that the order of the Commissioners be modified or set aside in whole or in part. A copy of such petition shall forthwith be transmitted by the clerk of the court to the Commissioners, and thereupon the Commissioners shall file in the court the record upon which the order complained of was entered. Upon the filing of such petition such court shall have exclusive jurisdiction to affirm, modify, or set aside such order in whole or in part, so far as it is applicable to the petitioner. The review by the court shall be limited to questions of law, and findings of fact by the Commissioners when supported by substantial evidence shall be conclusive. No objection to the order of the Commissioners shall be considered by the court unless such objection was presented to the Commissioners, except where there were reasonable grounds for failure to present such objections to the Commissioners. If application is made to the court for leave to offer additional evidence, and it is shown to the satisfaction of the court that such additional evidence may materially affect the result of the proceeding and that there were reasonable grounds for failure to offer such evidence in the proceedings before the Commissioners; the court may order such additional evidence to be taken by the Commissioners in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the court may prescribe. The Commissioners may modify the initial findings by reason of the additional evidence so taken, and shall file with the court such modified or new findings which, if supported by substantial evidence, shall be conclusive, and shall also file their recommendation, if any, for the modification or setting aside of the original order.

(b) The commencement of proceedings under subsection (a) shall not, unless specifically ordered by the court, operate as a stay of the Commissioners' order. The court shall not grant any stay of the order unless the person complaining of such order shall file in court an undertaking with a surety or sureties, satisfactory to the court, for the payment to the employees affected by the order, in the event such order is affirmed, of the amount by which the compensation such employees are entitled to receive under the order exceeds the compensation they actually receive while such stay is in effect.

(c) Any hearing provided for in this Act shall be held in accordance with such regulations as the Commissioners shall prescribe.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS

SEC. 17. Any records or other information which relate to processes or production unique to the owner or operator or which would tend to affect adversely the competitive position of such owner or operator shall be only for the confidential use of the Commissioners and the departments, agencies, and officers of the District of Columbia Government, unless such owner or operator shall expressly agree to their publication or availability to the general public. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the use of such records or information by