

Guidelines for Proof of Continuous Use

Applicability

For properties filed on the Special Order Calendar for an extension of term, proof of continuous use is required for the following application types:

- Applications filed more than one (1) year before, or less than two (2) years after the expiration of term (see BSA Rule § 1-07.3(b)(2)).
- Applications for pre-1961 use grants filed pursuant to ZR § 11-411:
 - Applications filed more than two (2) years after, but less than ten (10) years after the expiration of term, see BSA Rule § 1-07.3(b)(3)(i).
 - Applications filed more than ten (10) years after the expiration of term, see BSA Rule § 1-07.3(b)(4)(i).

Format and Materials

- Applicant must show that the use approved by the Board has been continuous/operational since the expiration of the original approval to the present day.
- Each year since the expiration must be accounted for/documented.
- Acceptable documentation includes but is not limited to:
 - online street imagery
 - business licenses
 - o utility bills showing usage
 - DOF Bills showing usage
 - water bill showing usage
 - o redacted tax forms showing income
 - City Directory (i.e. Redi Books)
 - o Advertisements
 - o Aerial Maps.
- If there is evidence that shows active use, the Board will consider it on a case-by-case basis.