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To whom it may concern,

I would like to propose a rule change to the Amateur Radio Vanity Call Sign system. Due to the excessive amount of filings being made by amateur operators. Extra class licenses are especially difficult due to the limited amount assigned to the US. There are only a few of the 1x2 and 2x1 callsigns available to be used and some are taking advantage of this now that it is free. Some are changing call signs almost monthly just to keep the newer code free Extra class operators from obtaining a shorter callsign. I even saw an older operator that said he does it all the time and has not even owned a radio in over six years. When I looked him up he has had sixteen different ones in eighteen months.

My proposal will solve problems for the FCC as well as for Amateur Radio operators. I propose that the Vanity system get a minor change such that, if you apply for and receive a vanity that you be required to keep it for the duration of the license which is currently ten years. This will alleviate a lot of the stress on the ULS system and manpower requirements of your agency. It will also keep inactive amateurs from changing call signs regularly thereby tying up calls for two years after dismissal of said call.

Sincerely,

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