I propose the following new rule concerning vanity call signs:

I propose that the FCC adopt a rule prohibiting an applicant from applying for an Amateur vanity call sign outside his or her own region. If adopted a resident of New York for example would have their application dismissed if the applicant applied for any call that was not a 2 region call sign.

Exceptions:

A call sign applied for under the rules governing a call sign held previously by a family member.

My reasoning behind this proposed change:

In some more populous areas there are few of the most desirable vanity calls signs available, the 2 and 6 regions for example. I see no reason for a licensee to have to compete with out of area people for the few 1x2 or 2x1 or “catchy” 2x3 call signs available in their area of residence. There is certainly in many cases enough competition within the area without allowing out of area licensees into the mix as it stand now.

After all, nobody can apply for a KL or KH call unless they live in those states. Yet we all live in the same country do we not?

I hope you will consider this rule change.