

In the matter of: The petition for proposed changes in 47 CFR Part 97.25 License term for Amateur Radio.

I am opposed to the proposed change to part 97.25 for the following reasons.

- Many amateur operators are itinerant in their operating habits, without a renewal process the call signs for those users will never be recycled back into the available pool of call signs.
- The stated purpose of amateur radio is “The FCC established amateur radio as a voluntary, non-commercial, radio communications service. It allows licensed operators to improve their communications and technical skills, while providing the nation with a pool of trained radio operators and technicians who can provide essential communications during emergencies.” Removing the now minimal requirement to renew every 10 years also removes any ability to track and confirm that the service is fulfilling this purpose.
- An operator that is not serious enough to renew every ten years may lack the skills and knowledge to come back into the hobby later and operate within the current rules and regulations that are in place.

The assertion that the amateur radio license is similar to a pilot’s license is not accurate, Pilots have a higher standard that they must adhere to in the form of 1) a Medical Certificate and 2) a Current BFR (Biennial Flight Review).

Respectfully submitted,

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