

Ref: RM-11760 Petition for proposed Changes in  
47 CFR Part 97.25 License  
term for Amateur Radio

Comparisons to the lifetime terms of Commercial Radio Operator Licenses and to FCC granted pilot's licenses are not appropriate to the terms of Amateur Radio Operator licenses in that an Amateur Operator License includes a station license with the issuance of a call sign. It is the call sign portion of the license that makes lifetime issuance of the license undesirable.

The "incentive" part of the incentive licensing system is based to a large extent on the provisions of the vanity call sign system. Lifetime issuance of call signs, with no method for the FCC to determine that call signs are available for reissuance, would most probably lead to call signs held by deceased licensees not being available for reissue for indeterminate periods.

I, therefore, cannot support this petition unless it includes a method for periodic verification that a call sign should remain active.

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