

To: Federal Communications Commission

From: Michael Conroy

Re: RM-11760, Petition for Proposed Changes in 47 CFR part 97.25 License Term for Amateur Radio

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Dear FCC;

I am in agreement that a revision of the code would reduce the burden to both, the FCC and the Amateur Radio Operator. The only difficulty I foresee, and one that has been stated by many others, is that the call sign will never expire unless a method is devised to notify the FCC that the Operator has expired.

To this point, I suggest a modification to this proposal.

Whereas, the proposal is given to decrease the expense and burden for the FCC,

and, Whereas, the proposal will also decrease the burden on Licensees,

and, Whereas, decreasing the burden to these parties is desirable,

and, Whereas, the maximum life expectancy for any one person in the U.S.A. is approximately 100 years,

and, Whereas, there are few, if any records of persons living beyond their 110th birthday,

and Whereas, computer systems can easily be encoded to grant license terms based upon the year of birth, rather than the current date,

and, Whereas, the FCC has the capability and resources to encode their computer systems,

and, Whereas, the FCC has the computer system capable of doing so,

I propose a modification of the Proposal, RM-11760, to wit:

Grant Amateur Radio Licenses until the year of the 110th birthday of the Licensee.

To accomplish this, change the computer coding to grant the license based upon the birthyear of the Licensee + 110, rather than the current basis of today's date + 10 years.

In so doing, the FCC will be granting, what is essentially, a lifetime license, meaning a Licensee would receive a license until their one hundredth and tenth birth year. It would also satisfy the release of call signs and vanity call signs on an ongoing basis, allowing for the recycling of these, while also allowing for the retention of call signs for the lifetime of the Licensee, without the additional burden of outside third party entities being required to notify the FCC of the death of the Licensee.

The cost to the FCC for initiating this modification to the proposal is the cost to encode the computer system to record the license expiration date. Savings to the FCC would include the requisite bandwidth required to continually renew Licensees and update the databases, the requisite manpower required to answer questions and intervene when Licensees are having difficulty renewing licenses, developing and changing future resources and computer coding to update licensees, and reduction of paperwork necessary to maintain licensure.

Respectfully submitted,
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