

I am opposed to this rule change due to the impact on the vanity call sign system. The families of an amateur radio licensee do not know that they need to file a death report to the FCC. The result of this today is long wait for a call sign to become available. If this rule change were to come into effect these call signs would be permanently unavailable.

I am waiting for a call sign to become available. The amateur in question died in 2009 and his license does not expire until 2017. After that I must wait two years for the call to become available. With this proposed rule change the call sign would never become available.