

Call sign KF6NYR. My comment has to do with the code portion of this docket. I have already taken the general written test and I am in the process of learning the code for the general class license. Morse code is old and archaic, with the advent of the personal computer there is a lot better ways to do digital communications that would be a lot more applicable to the 1990's than a hundred year old technology. I say lower the code speed 5 wpm and toughen up the testing on current more applicable digital technologies. To the old timers that oppose lowering the current code speeds I ask: "why tie up a frequency for 4 minutes sending morse code when I can do it better and faster with current usable technology in 30 seconds or less. Amateur radio is supposed to be a hobby and a resource, not a club for old timers trying to lock us out of the the hf bands with a technology that no one is taking the time to learn because it is so obsolete.

Thank you for your time.

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