

Please consider the following comments regarding the proposed amateur licensing rule changes contained in Doc. 09-209:

The exclusion of "inlaws" runs contrary to the spirit of amateur radio. Many hams treasure calls that they have had in some cases, for decades. The reality is that many hams do not have blood relatives that are interested in radio. Sometimes people will develop a very close relationship with an inlaw and would wish to have this person carry on with the call that holds such special significance. In light of the small number of licenses that would be affected, please reconsider this proposal.

The proposed change to the procedure for acquiring SK calls for vanity purposes has been put forward to increase the "fairness" of the vanity call process. The exact opposite will be the result of this change. Currently any ham desiring a particular vanity call can do the research and file the required paperwork without benefit of outside help. ALL of the necessary information and step-by-step instruction is currently available in the public domain at no cost to anyone wishing to access it. If a ham wants to make the effort, very desirable calls are available to anyone. I would compare this to the current licensing system; if an amateur is willing to put forth the effort and attain the level of Extra class, he is rewarded with more spectrum. It seems only fair that an amateur willing to do the work should be rewarded with a call of his choosing. It is clearly apparent that entities profiting from a large number of applications are very much in favor of this change. One of the fundamental tenets of amateur radio is that there shall be no activity for "pecuniary interest." This proposed change is a clear violation of this rule in that it reduces the vanity call process to a "pay to play" lottery.

Thank you for your consideration.

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