

Comment on Mr. Leonard Umina's letter and petition for rulemaking.

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I support Mr. Leonard Umina's letter and petition for rulemaking.

Having lived many years in the metropolitan Los Angeles where covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs) and similar tools are very commonly used to restrict a licensed Amateur Radio Operators ability to erect even minimally effective external antennas, I believe the FCC should utilize its jurisdiction to more fully enforce the principles of PRB-1. In general, it has been my experience that CC&R's are used to by Home Owners Associations (HOA's) and architectural control committees (ACC) to establish unreasonable restrictions on amateur radio antennas not based on safety, public need or interest, but only on their opinion that antennas are "ugly" and "hams always cause interference." They typically do this in a rather arbitrary and capricious manner without regard for any sort of due process. When challenged a typical response is "we established the rules and the ham chose to live here" As Mr. Umina's letter pointed out, it may very well be that no other viable choices were available except to the very wealthy, especially in urban areas.

The provisions that, in most cases, prevent any external antennae do not serve the federal interest or the objectives of the Amateur Radio Service, especially the objective of providing communications in time of emergency of disaster.

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