

DA 12-523

COMMENT ON EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BY AMATEUR RADIO AND
IMPEDIMENTS TO AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Sir or Madam:

I live in a retirement community, Oro Valley, just north of Tucson. Our house is under the Sun City Vistoso HOA. I also belong to the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club which has over 120 members, most living with CC&R antenna restrictions.

Our Sun City Vistoso CC&R, Article IV, Section 2, (j) states, "***Other antenna devices for the transmission or reception of radio (including ham radio) signals or any other form of electromagnetic radiation shall not be erected, used or maintained outdoors on any Lot or Parcel, whether attached to a building or structure or otherwise, unless approved by the Architectural Review Committee.***"

There are 23 amateur radio operators that live in Sun City Vistoso and we have a big problem with the wording of this restriction. Specifically the term "electromagnetic radiation". This broad term includes gamma rays, X-rays, ultraviolet and visible light, microwaves, and radio waves. Thus many common devices are used today in violation of the CC&R Article IV, Section 2 (j). Garage door remote controls, even the headlights on our cars, are prohibited.

Several attempts have been made to obtain limited approval for ham antennas, even small VHF verticals only 4 feet tall. No requests have ever been approved. The Committee has approved satellite dish antennas, per PRB-1 requirements.

Thank you,

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