

The impact of radio amateur inhibiting CC&R(s) / HOA rules becomes more constrictive as time goes on. In newly developed areas near to technology "parks" , housing seems to uniformly restrict radio operations, some rules even going as far as to disallow radio completely (without realizing that Cellular Telephones are radios, as are infant monitors and garage door openers).

The impact of these rules on the next generation is even more insidious. It's little wonder that in my vocation as a Wireless RF Engineer I experience an ever growing population of engineers from other continents. Amateur Radio has been a 'seed' avocation and the crop was electrical engineers. There's little incentive to become a radio amateur when even the most modest antenna installation is prohibited.

In emergency operations, point to point communications is often needed as the infra-structure of conventional communications has been disrupted. Obviously, in CC&R/HOA areas there could be "missing links" as much less investment in amateur gear is warranted when there is little to no opportunity for antennas.

My recommendation is to classify a minimal antenna configuration, much as was done on behalf of the Satellite Broadcast industry (with rules against 1M and smaller dishes being preempted). If a 30ft flagpole (or other) represents the minimum practicable HF installation then so state this and preempt it. Likewise at VHF/UHF.