

Informal Comments in Opposition to Proceeding RM-11699

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1. The current prohibition of encryption to obscure the content of Amateur Radio transmissions in Section 97.113 is appropriate and reasonable, it should be retained.
2. Allowing the encryption of Amateur Radio transmissions for obscuring message content would encourage the use of Amateur Radio frequencies for clandestine, perhaps illegal communications.
3. Encryption would make the self-policing nature of the Amateur Radio Service impossible.
4. As a former Amateur Radio Emergency Service Emergency Coordinator in both Harris and Travis Counties in Texas – I have never encountered Amateur Radio emergency traffic which rose to the level of sensitivity to require encryption of the message content.

Thank you.