

I have long been concerned about the lack of local radio stations in rural communities. Where I live, we have no community radio news and must choose from stations up to 100 miles away which seldom (if ever) even mention our community's name.

As an amateur radio operator (K7EXJ) since the 50s and holder of various commercial licenses, I have long considered trying to apply for a radio station license but the financial requirements made this unfeasable. With the advent of LPFM I could install a station and use local community members as reporters and announcers and provide real \*LOCAL\* news and views.

What a boon to rural communities which have for so long been left out of the information game. Towns (like ours) with fewer than 2,000 residents could afford to have their own radio stations reflecting the interests and views of the community.

I urge you to pass this rule and put it into effect as soon as possible.

Thanks,  
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