



CC&Rs

More and more hams live in residential subdivisions governed by deed restrictions, sometimes known as Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs), that prohibit the operation of ham radio stations and that prohibit the erection of ham radio antennas.

The West Gulf Division believes these restrictions unreasonably infringe the rights of its members. Accordingly, on June 14, 2008, the West Gulf Division announced at its Convention Meeting at Ham-Com in Plano, Texas that the West Gulf Division Legislative Affairs Group intends to introduce legislation in the 2009 Texas and Oklahoma legislative sessions to eliminate CC&Rs that prohibit the operation of ham radio stations and the erection of ham radio antennas in residential subdivisions.

Coy Day (N5OK), Division Director, conducted the Division Board Meeting before the Convention Meeting to brief all Section Managers. The Section Managers for West Texas (John Dyer AE5B) and Oklahoma (John Thomason WB5SYT) attended the Board Meeting and pledged their enthusiastic support for this legislative effort.

This legislative effort will be conducted by the West Gulf Legislative Affairs Group, led by Dr. David Woolweaver (K5RAV), West Gulf Vice Director and Division Legislative Action Chair. John Robert Stratton (KE5ISX) will coordinate all legislative action in Austin.

But to successfully pass this legislation, the Legislative Affairs Group needs information and help from you. If you are affected by CC&Rs, or if you want to help make it possible to enjoy ham radio without unreasonable CC&R restrictions, please send an email to K5RAV@arrl.org AND KE5ISX@arrl.net. Include your call sign, physical address and a copy of the sections of your deed restrictions/CC&Rs that limit your ability to operate or erect antennas in the email. Please send the CC&R copies as PDFs.

If you can't email the copy of the sections of your deed restrictions/CC&Rs that limit your ability to operate or erect antennas, please mail them to:

CCR Investigation
PO Box 2232
Austin, Texas 78768-2232.

The Legislative Affairs Group will be forwarding updates once the legislation is introduced and throughout the 2009 legislative session.

Thanks for the help.