

THE PLATTSMOUTH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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FCC Application Fees Unlikely to Go into Effect Until 2022

(ARRL 08/16/2021) The schedule of FCC amateur radio application fees likely will not go into effect before 2022. FCC staff confirmed during a recent virtual meeting with Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (VECs) that the agency is still working on the necessary changes to the Universal Licensing System (ULS) software and other processes and procedures that must be in place before it starts collecting fees from amateur applicants. Earlier this year, the FCC said it would not start collecting fees from amateur applicants before this summer. The new estimate is that the fees won't go into effect until early next year.

Once it's effective, the \$35 application fee will apply to new, modification (upgrade and sequential call sign change), renewal, and vanity call sign applications. All fees will be per application. Administrative update applications, such as those to change a licensee's name, mailing, or email address, will be exempt from fees. ARRL VEC manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, said Volunteer Examiner (VE) teams will not face the burden of collecting the \$35 fee.

"Once the FCC application fee takes effect, new and upgrade applicants will pay the exam session fee to the VE team as usual, but they'll pay the \$35 application fee directly to the FCC using the FCC Pay Fees system," she explained. When the FCC receives the examination information from the VEC, it will email a link with payment instructions to each successful candidate who then will have 10 days from the date of the email to pay.

After the fee is paid and the FCC has processed an application, examinees will receive a second email from the FCC with a link to their official license. The link will be good for 30 days. Licensees also will be able to view, download, and print official license copies by logging into their FCC ULS account. The FCC no longer provides printed licenses.

Licensees can log into the ULS with their 10-digit FRN (FCC Registration Number) and password at any time to view and manage their license and application, print their license, and update anything in their FCC license record, including adding an email address.

FEE SCHEDULE

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<http://arrl.org/news/fcc-application-fees-unlikely-to-go-into-effect-until-2022>

ARRL Now Provides Free RF Exposure Calculator

(ARRL 08/05/2021) The FCC has adopted guidelines and procedures for evaluating environmental effects of RF emissions. Under the new FCC rules, some amateurs need to perform routine station evaluations to ensure that their stations comply with the RF exposure rules. This can be as simple as running an online calculator to determine the minimum safe distance between any part of your antenna and areas where people might be exposed to RF energy from your station. Although amateurs can make measurements of their stations, evaluations can also be done by calculation.

The FCC guidelines already incorporate two tiers of exposure limits based on whether exposure occurs in an occupational or "controlled" situation, or whether the general population is exposed or exposure is in an "uncontrolled" situation.

To make this easy for amateurs, ARRL now provides an RF exposure calculator on its RF Exposure page. To use the calculator, enter your transmit peak-envelope power (PEP) and operating mode, and answer the questions about the maximum amount of time you might be transmitting. The calculator will give you the minimum distance people must be from your antenna and human exposure.

You can print the results and keep them in your station records. There is no requirement to send your results to the FCC.

<http://arrl.org/rf-exposure-calculator>

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Note: Thanks to all who have paid their dues and many who have given additional donations. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please let me know of any corrections.



Meetings are 8am the last Saturday of most months at Mom's Café in Plattsmouth.

Tuesday night get-togethers at Plattsmouth Burger King at 7 PM

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MINUTES of the MEETING

The July 31, 2021 meeting was called to order by President Roger Behrns at 8:27 am.

Those in attendance were Roger (KBØOGO), Kevin (KIØPY), Ray (N5SEZ), John(KCØHYD), Shirley (KCØHYE), Gary (WDØCFC), Derek (WØDBW), Chuck (AIØN), John (WR5I), and Jim (WØJRN).

The Minutes of the May meeting were approved on a motion by John and second by Chuck.

The treasurer reported receiving Dues and Donations of \$20 and a check for \$50 to the Village of Murray since the last meeting which leaves \$315 in the repeater fund and \$703.95 in the general fund for a balance of \$1018.95. The report was approved on a motion by John and second by Gary.

There was some discussion of volunteers needed for the Forrest Festival planned for September 17 just south of Plattsmouth.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 am on a motion by Derek and second by Gary.



Meeting Calendar

- 8am, Sat August 28, 2021**
 - 8am, Sat Sept. 25, 2021**
 - 8am, Sat October 30, 2021**
- at Mom's Café**

PLATTSMOUTH ARC MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Name		Call Sign		Class	
Address		City		State	
E-Mail		Phone #			
Spouse Name		Call Sign		Class	
Membership Type <input type="checkbox"/> Primary(\$15) <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse (\$5) <input type="checkbox"/> Student (\$5) <input type="checkbox"/> New Ham		● Additional donations are gratefully accepted. ● New Hams are free during the year they receive their first license. ● Please give this form and dues to the club treasurer or any club officer.		Donation for: <input type="checkbox"/> Repeater fund <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> General	
Any additional e-mail or cell phone #s?		Amount: <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer my donation to be anonymous.			