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FCC to Delete Nearly 400 Outdated Wireless Rules and Requirements

Effort Seeks to Modernize Our Regulatory Framework by Rescinding Certain Wireless Rules and Requirements

WASHINGTON, October 28, 2025—The Federal Communications Commission today took action to repeal approximately 396 rule provisions and rule parts, totaling 58,218 words and covering approximately 137 pages in the Code of Federal Regulations, that plainly no longer serve the public interest. This marks the latest action in the Commission’s “In re: Delete, Delete, Delete” docket, which seeks public input on identifying FCC rules for the purpose of alleviating unnecessary regulatory burdens.

Today’s action deletes rule provisions and rule parts that have been sunset by operation of law or govern an expired event. On the chopping block this month are market aggregation limits that sunset more than 20 years ago, rules for obsolete “radioprinter operations” in maritime systems, and requirements for licenses that the FCC hasn’t issued in more than a decade. These rules regulate an outdated market structure that is no longer in practice by the FCC or its licensees and as a result is duplicative and/or unnecessary.

This action is the product of the FCC’s Delete [proceeding](#) through which it has sought comment on every rule, regulation, or guidance document that the FCC should eliminate for the purposes of alleviating unnecessary regulatory burdens. This proceeding has produced overwhelming public comment and constructive feedback that will be considered both in Delete and other proceedings.

Today’s decision is the latest in an important, streamlined process to remove regulations at scale without going through years of unnecessary legal procedures. At the September Open Meeting, the Commission [approved](#) the deletion of 386 outdated wireline rules and requirements. During the August Open Meeting, the Commission [approved](#) the repeal of 98 broadcast rules and requirements. At the July Open Meeting, the Commission [approved](#) the removal of obsolete telegraph, rabbit-ear receiver, and phone booth rules. Today’s action continues the FCC’s work to unleash a new wave of economic opportunity by ending unnecessary, outdated, and burdensome regulations.

Action by the Commission October 28, 2025 by Direct Final Rule (FCC 25-77). Chairman Carr and Commissioner Trusty approving. Commissioner Gomez dissenting. Chairman Carr, Commissioners Gomez and Trusty issuing separate statements.

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