



Memorandum

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Stevie Cox, City Manager

CC: Darien Comer, City Clerk
Robert Wilhoit, City Attorney

DATE: May 28, 2025

REF: Amateur Radio Week Proclamation

Summary:

This is a request for Amateur Radio Week Proclamation.

Background:

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the largest membership association of amateur radio enthusiasts in the United States. ARRL is a non-profit organization and was co-founded on April 6, 1914, by Hiram Percy Maxim and Clarence D. Tuska of Hartford, Connecticut. The ARRL represents the interest of amateur radio operators before federal regulatory bodies, provides technical advice and assistance to amateur radio enthusiasts, supports several educational programs and sponsors emergency communications throughout the country. The ARRL has approximately 161,000 members. In addition to members in the United States, the organization claims over 7,000 members in other countries.

The Tri-County Radio Club is partnering with the Thomasville Rescue Squad for emergency communications preparedness and education this year. It is called Field Day and is supported nationally by the ARRL. The Tri-County Radio Club believes that amateur radio is very important to our community and has shown that it's value recently during Hurricane Helene in Western North Carolina.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve and recognize June 22nd – 28th, 2025 as Amateur Radio Week in the City of Trinity.

Attachment: Amateur Radio Week Proclamation - 2025