

Proposal 1

Amend the text in AGB 2.2.1.4.2 part 2 on non-capital city names by adding the [blue text](#).

2. An application for a city name, where the applicant declares that it intends to use the gTLD for purposes associated with the city name.

City names present challenges because city names may also be generic terms or brand names, and in many cases city names are not unique. Unlike other types of geographic names, there are no established lists that can be used as objective references in the evaluation process.

[However, applicants may find it useful to review the 2017 UN Demographic Yearbook Table 8 to find a list of city names with more than 100,000 inhabitants as a reference point](#)

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/products/dyb/documents/dyb2017/table08.pdf>.

Thus, city names are not universally protected. However, the process does provide a means for cities and applicants to work together where desired.

An application for a city name will be subject to the geographic names requirements (i.e., will require documentation of support or non-objection from the relevant governments or public authorities) if:

1. It is clear from applicant statements within the application that the applicant will use the TLD primarily for purposes associated with the city name. [For the avoidance of doubt, if an applicant declares in their application that they will operate the TLD exclusively as a dotBrand, then this is not a use of the TLD for “purposes associated with the city name”; and,](#)
 2. The applied-for string is a city name as listed on official city documents.
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Proposal 2 With Suggested Amendments

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An application for a city name will be subject to the geographic names requirements (i.e., will require documentation of support or non-objection from the relevant governments or public authorities) if:

(a) It is clear from applicant statements within the application that the applicant will use the TLD primarily for purposes associated with the city name, and

(b)(i) The applied-for string is a city name as listed on official city documents, or

(b)(ii) The applied-for string is a (non-capital) city name as [defined pursuant to applicable national legislation or as] listed

in <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/products/dyb/dyb2015/Table08.xls> [unstats.un.org].