

AUROVILLE FOUNDATION

AUROVILLE FOUNDATION BHAWAN, ADMINISTRATIVE AREA,
AUROVILLE – 605101

STANDING ORDER NO.01/2022 dated 1st June 2022
(Replacing the Standing Order No. 01/2019 dated 4th June 2019)

Constitution of Auroville Town Development Council

Whereas the Mother had envisaged Auroville as a universal township dedicated to human unity and international understanding and as further described by her in “A Dream” (1954), the Auroville Charter (1968), the message “To be a True Aurovilian” (1970) and the Mother’s numerous other messages and writings on Auroville;

Whereas section 17(e) of the Auroville Foundation Act, empowers and mandates the Governing Board to prepare, in consultation with the Residents’ Assembly, the Master Plan for the international cultural township of Auroville (hereinafter referred to as “the Auroville Township”) and ensure its development as so planned;

Whereas the Governing Board, in terms of Section 17(e) of the Auroville Foundation Act approved the Auroville Universal Township Master Plan (Perspective 2025), hereinafter referred to as “the Auroville Master Plan”, which is based on the “Galaxy Plan”, which was approved by the Mother;

Whereas the Auroville Master Plan was approved by the Central Government, vide Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education) letter No.F.27-3/2000-UU dated 12th April 2001, and was notified by Auroville Foundation, with the approval of the Central Government, in the Gazette of India (Part III) on 16th August 2010;

Whereas the Auroville Master Plan prescribes the “Town Development Council” as the body for implementing the Auroville Master Plan with an organisational structure as in Appendix V of the Auroville Master Plan;

Whereas the Governing Board constituted the “Town Development Council” for the purpose of planning, developing and building of the Auroville Township in accordance with the Auroville Master Plan (hereinafter referred to as the “Council”) vide Standing Order 06/2011 dated 01-05-2011, which was replaced with Standing Order 01/2019 dated 04-06-2019 and

Whereas the Governing Board has decided to reconstitute the Council as provided for in this Standing Order;

Now therefore the Governing Board re-constitutes the Council subject to the following provisions:

1. Council Membership

1. The Council shall consist of not more than ten members to be appointed by the Governing Board
2. The Governing Board may authorise the Secretary, Auroville Foundation to appoint Council members on its behalf.
3. For the appointment of members of the Council, Secretary, Auroville Foundation shall issue suitable Office Orders from time to time with the approval of Chairman, Auroville Foundation.

2. Office Bearers and Work Areas

1. The Council will have one Chairperson, one Member- Secretary and one Member- Finance & Accounts.
2. The Governing Board shall nominate one Council member as the Chairman while the Member-Secretary and Member-Finance & Accounts will be elected by the Council members from amongst themselves.
3. Council members other than the Chairperson, the Member-Secretary and the Member-Finance & Accounts shall take responsibility for one or more work areas including, but not limited to, the work areas as given in Appendix V of the Auroville Master Plan (“Organisational Structure for Master Plan”).

3. Term of Office

1. The term of office of a member shall be four years from the date of the Office Order by which member appointments are made.
2. Not later than six months before the expiry of each four-year term, the new members of the Council will be nominated and

will commence an induction and transition process with the then existing Council members to ensure a smooth transition.

3. The Governing Board may re-appoint existing members to the new succeeding Council, so as to ensure continuity of work. The re-appointment of council members will be subject to the eligibility criterion as per clause 3.4. of this Standing Order.
4. A member shall be eligible for re-nomination for a maximum of one term in succession and for subsequent nomination after a lapse of at least one term from the last one.

4. Cessation of Membership and Vacancies

1. A member shall cease to be on the Council: (1) if he/she is continuously absent from Council work for more than three months; (2) if he/she resigns in writing and the resignation is accepted by the Governing Board; (3) if the Governing Board for good and sufficient reasons removes a member.
2. If a casual vacancy is caused for any reason, the Governing Board may appoint a member for the remaining period of the term.

5. Functions and Responsibilities:

1. The Governing Board herewith empowers the Council, with the following functions and responsibilities:
 - (a) To be the Prescribed Authority for the operation and implementation of the Auroville Master Plan as defined in section 3.2(2)(e) of the Auroville Master Plan;
 - (b) Ensure that the Auroville Township is planned, developed and built according to the Auroville Master Plan;
 - (c) Prepare and approve Detailed Development Plans for building the Auroville Township in a time bound manner;
 - (d) Prepare and approve development plan regulations (building by-laws);
 - (e) Issue building permissions and completion certificates;
 - (f) Prepare and approve development projects, budgets, estimates, planning schedules, work plans and work completion schedules;
 - (g) Raise funds for the planning, developing and building of the Auroville Township including the consolidation of land required for the purpose in coordination with the Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC);

- (h) Secure the services of town planners, urban designers, engineers, architects, contractors, surveyors, consultants, legal advisors, and such other experts and professionals from within and outside Auroville as may be necessary from time to time and on such terms and conditions as may be decided by the Council;
- (i) Facilitate active and constructive participation of Auroville residents in the implementation of the Auroville Master Plan;
- (j) Constitute technical teams, working groups, project teams and other resource groups as may be necessary from time to time on such terms and conditions as may be decided by the Council;
- (k) Secure, where necessary, the support from the appropriate central, state, local or district government authorities for the implementation of the Auroville Master Plan in consultation and cooperation with the Secretary, Auroville Foundation;

6. Accountability and Reporting

1. The Council shall be accountable to the Governing Board and shall submit to it a true account of its activities, including income and expenditure statements and work progress reports as and when required by the Governing Board.
2. The Council shall keep the Auroville residents informed of planning and development progress being made.

7. Processes and Procedures

1. The Council shall determine, with the approval of the Governing Board its internal working procedures, which shall in all respects be consistent with the Auroville Foundation Act, 1988, the Auroville Foundation Rules and the provisions of this Standing Order.
2. The Council shall provide a copy of its processes and procedures manual and revisions, if any, thereof to the Governing Board and the Working Committee for information.
3. Since the name "*L'avenir d'Auroville*" was given by the Mother for the Auroville Township planning and development organisation, the Council may retain this name and use the expression "*L'avenir d'Auroville* – Auroville Town Development Council" in Auroville internal communications.

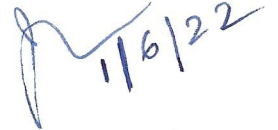
8. Advisory Group

1. The Governing Board may constitute an Advisory Group to advise the Governing Board and the Council on matters relating to the Auroville Master Plan, including, but not limited to the monitoring and reviewing of planning and development progress.
2. The Advisory Group will have a maximum of five members.
3. The term of office of a member of the Advisory Group shall be four years from the date of the Office Order by which the member is nominated or as otherwise agreed between the Secretary, Auroville Foundation and the members.

9. Amendments

1. The Governing Board may amend, from time to time, any or all of the provisions of this Standing Order.

This Standing Order is issued with the approval of Chairman, Auroville Foundation and shall come into force with immediate effect.



Jayanti S. Ravi
Secretary, Auroville Foundation

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7. Director, Town & Country Planning, Government of Tamil Nadu
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9. The Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly
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