City of Helsinki ("Registry Operator"), in connection with the execution of the Registry Agreement for the .HELSINKI TLD (the "Registry Agreement"), hereby requests an exemption from the obligations of the Registry Operator Code of Conduct set forth in Specification 9 to the Registry Agreement (the "Code of Conduct"). Pursuant to such request, Registry Operator confirms that each of the following statements is true and correct (collectively, referred to as the “Statements”):

1. All domain name registrations in the TLD are registered to, and maintained by, Registry Operator for the exclusive use of Registry Operator or its Affiliate (as defined in the Registry Agreement);

2. Registry Operator does not sell, distribute or transfer control or use of any registrations in the TLD to any third party that is not an Affiliate of Registry Operator; and

3. Application of the Code of Conduct to the TLD is not necessary to protect the public interest for the following reasons:

.HELSINKI TLD is intended to provide City of Helsinki a dedicated domain space for its own use. A restrictive registration policy ensures that all the second-level domains in the gTLD are managed by the city and this in turn provides an opportunity for creating an authoritative and trustworthy environment for the online content of the City of Helsinki.

All registrations under .HELSINKI TLD will be made solely by City of Helsinki and its Affiliates. Members of the public and unaffiliated organizations will not be able to register domain names in this new gTLD. All domain names will be granted free of charge, and only to the City departments and other units which belong to the City of Helsinki, like the City subsidiaries and foundations.

Accordingly, the application of Code of Conduct to protect other registrants is not required.
Registry Operator represents that the registration policies attached hereto as Schedule A are a true and correct copy of the Registry Operator’s registration policies for the TLD. Registry Operator agrees to notify ICANN promptly in writing in the event any of the Statements has become untrue (whether before or after an exemption has been granted). Registry Operator further acknowledges and agrees that the Exemption will be void if at any time any of the Statements has become untrue.

Submitted by: __________________________
Position: IT-System Expert
Date Noted: 25.9.2014
Email: ________________________
Schedule A

Registry Operator hereby acknowledges that the following are the true and correct registration policies for the TLD:

[Registry Operator to attach registration policies for the TLD]
Schedule A

(To ICANN: Please note that after the original application City of Helsinki made changes to organization which are reflected in this Schedule A)

The new .helsinki domain names will be granted to the different City of Helsinki departments and other units by the City Executive Office, Information Technology and Communications division. The division will decide whether the new names proposed by the City departments and units are adequate from the communication and marketing point of view, and whether there are any technical problems connected with the proposed names. If there are multiple applications for the same name, the Information Technology and Communications division will decide who will get the domain name in question. This procedure is already in use in www.hel.fi.

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