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Dear Mr. Oliveti:

On behalf of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax, I hereby submit this letter requesting the Town of Fairfax, California be considered for the honor of becoming a Cittaslow community.

Fairfax is nationally known as a forerunner in sustainability. A small town of 7,500 citizens, Fairfax values local economy, environmental quality, healthy living, and mindful community relations. Our policies focus on long-term solutions and looking to our community members for their vision of our common future.

By participating as a Cittaslow, we agree to the following principles:

- Encouraging the diversity of our environment, community, and economy
- Looking to the multitude of local traditions and cultures for inspiration
- Striving towards increased sustainability
- Supporting healthy lifestyles through community education, especially through education in the schools
- Endeavoring to build Cittaslow community values into every aspect of the town over time

Fairfax is excited to become the second Cittaslow community in the United States. Following the example of the City of Sonoma, a nearby San Francisco Bay Area town, we see that the Fairfax will further the Cittaslow mission by fostering sustainability. Therefore, we request the Cittaslow International Committee approve the Town of Fairfax for membership as a Cittaslow city and begin the accreditation process.

The Town of Fairfax shares Cittaslow values. We strive towards community decision-making; support of our distinctive local businesses, markets, artisans, products, and agriculture; champion sustainability as our most valuable asset; cherish community members of all ages; encourage community and Town Council collaboration; value environmental stewardship; strive towards sustainable urban planning; create opportunities for leisure, pleasure, and community interaction; promote Fairfax's unique culture through local events; encourage community networks; encourage healthy lifestyles and a people-friendly environment; preserve traditional food, life-ways, and

heritage through awareness and education; and work towards improved quality of life for all residents.

The Town Council of Fairfax approves this letter to commence the application process for designation as a member of the Cittaslow International Network.

Please contact Michael Rock, Town Manager at (415) 453-1584 mrock@townoffairfax.org, if we can be of further assistance.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lew Tremaine
Mayor of Fairfax

Cittaslow Requirements At a Glance

Environmental Policies

- Verification of the quality of the air, of water, of the soil within the parameters established by law.
- Plans for the promotion and dissemination of differentiated refuse collection including urban refuse and special wastes—*separated landfill and recycling collection*
- Dissemination and promotion of industrial and domestic composting—*compost collection for residential and commercial services*
- Existence of a purification plant for urban or cooperative sewage—sewer treatment plant
- Municipal plan for saving energy, with reference particularly to the use of alternative sources of energy (renewable sources, green hydrogen, mini hydroelectric power plant) and producing heat from RSU and biomasses—*Marin Clean Energy, Community Choice, and conservation efforts like solar on commercial buildings*
- Ban on the use of G.M.O.s in agriculture
- Municipal plan for the regulation of commercial art and traffic signs—*artist in residence and town beautification*
- Systems for controlling electromagnetic pollution.
- Program for controlling and reducing noise pollution.
- Systems and programs for controlling light pollution.
- Adoption of systems of environmental management (EMAS and ECOLABEL or ISO 9001; ISO 14000, SA 8000 and participation in Agenda 21 projects)—*EU environmental regulation policies similar to EPA or others that exceed EPA standards*

Infrastructure

- Plans for improving and for the reclamation of historical centers and/or works of cultural or historical value— *establishing historical downtown*
- Plans for safe mobility and traffic—*ADA regulations, bike/ped options, walkable city, etc*
- Bicycle tracks connecting schools and public buildings- *Safe Routes to School, MCBC initiatives*
- Plans favoring alternative mobility over private transportation and for the integration of traffic with public means of transportation and pedestrian areas (extra-urban car parks linked to public transportation, escalators, moving walkways, rail or cable installations, cycling tracks, pedestrian itineraries providing access to schools, work places, etc.)
- Verification of the application of D.L. 503/'96 to guarantee that public places and those of public interest are accessible for the disabled and the removal of architectural barriers and access to technologies—*ADA laws/ regulations*
- Promotion of programs to facilitate family life and local activities (recreation, sports, activities aimed at creating bonds between school and family, assistance, including home assistance for the elderly and chronically ill, social centers, regulatory plan of municipal business hours, public lavatories)—*Focas, Fairfax-San Anselmo Children's Center, Sustainable Fairfax events, Library activities, Fairfax-San Anselmo Parks and Recreation*
- Center for medical assistance— *Dr. Michelle Perro, Commonweal Holistic Clinic, and others.*
- Quality green areas respecting the minimum complement of equipment as established by the D.M. 1444/'68 and service infrastructures (interconnecting green areas, play grounds, etc.)—*green spaces and play areas*
- Plan for the distribution of merchandise and the creation of “commercial centers for natural products”—*Good Earth and others*

- Agreement with the shopkeepers with regards to the reception and assistance to citizens in trouble: “friendly shops”—*continue being open and accepting of everyone*
- Redevelopment of deteriorating urban areas and projects for the reutilization of the city.

Technologies and Facilities for Urban Quality

- Window for bio-architecture and programs for the training of personnel assigned to the information project for the promotion of bioarchitecture—*green building, sustainable design, and funding for green jobs/ green construction training*
- Equipping the city with cables for optical fiber and wireless systems—*Free Public Wi-Fi*
- Adoption of systems for monitoring electromagnetic fields.
- Providing refuse containers in keeping with the environment and the landscape and removal according to established timetables—*MSS collection*
- Programs and promotion for planting public and private places with important environmentally suitable plants, preferably autochthonous—*indigenous organic agriculture--* in line with criteria of landscape gardening.
- Plans for providing services for the citizens (Dissemination of municipal services via internet and plans for creating and educating the citizens in the use of an internet-based civic network)—*town website and social networking pages*
- Plan for controlling noise in specifically noisy areas—*noise ordinance*
- Plan concerning colors—*town beautification, mural painting, mandalas, artist in residence*
- Promotion of telework— *promotion of telecommuting to lessen ecological footprint of residents*
- Program for an urban restyling and upgrading-- *town beautification, mural painting, mandalas, artist in residence*
- Integration of the U.R.P. functions, with Slow City information windows-- Urban renewal programs with Slow City information kiosks

Safeguarding Autochthonous (Indigenous/Organic) Agriculture

- Plans for the development of organic farming
- Certification of the quality of artisan produced products and objects and artistic crafts
- Programs for the safeguarding of artisan and/or artistic craft products in danger of extinction
- Safeguarding traditional methods of work and professions at a risk of extinction.
- Use of organic products and/or those produced in the territory and the preservation of local traditions in restaurants, protected structures, and school cafeterias)—*localization plans*
- Programs for educating taste and nutrition in schools in collaboration with Slow Food—*sustainable food systems curriculum in schools*
- Favoring the activities of wine and gastronomic Slow Food Presidia for species and preparations risking extinction—*local artisan food production working to preserve biodiversity and food traditions*
- Census of the typical products of the territory and support of their commercialization (updating of markets for local products, creation of appropriate spaces)—*updating local community markets* and promoting local food preparers who choose local organic ingredients
- Census of trees in the city and enhancing the value of large trees or “historical trees”—*marking and preservation of old trees*
- Promoting and preserving local cultural events— *Recognition of native and immigrant cultures of the town and commemorating with a Culture Fest and promotion of indigenous/ immigrant artist*
- Promoting “urban” and school gardens for autochthonous cultures grown with traditional methods—*community permaculture gardens growing traditional foods of the area*

Hospitality

- Training courses for tourist information and quality hospitality
- Using international signs in the tourist signs of the historical centers with guided tourist itineraries.
- Reception policies and plans to facilitate the approach of the visitors to the city and access to information and services (parking, extension/elasticity of opening hours of public offices, etc.) with particular regards to scheduled events.
- Preparation of “slow” itineraries of the city (brochures, websites, home pages, etc.)
- Making the tourist operators and storekeepers aware of the need for a transparency of prices and the exhibition of rates outside the business establishments.

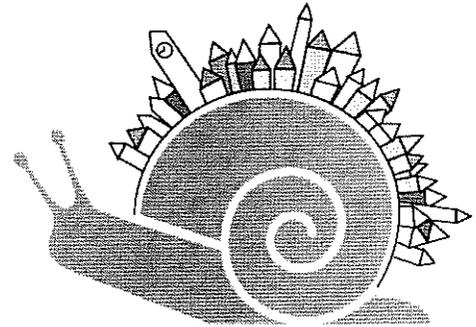
Awareness

- Campaign to provide the citizens with information on the aims and procedures of what a Slow City is, preceded by information of the intentions of the Administration to become a Slow City
- Programs to involve the social fabric in acquiring the “slow” philosophy and the application of Slow City projects and in particular: educational gardens and parks, book facilities, adhesion to the project of the germ plasma bank -- facility to store plant genetic resources for custody, conservation, exchange, and use by present and future generations= *seed bank; classes, workshops, community education, community building*
- Programs for the dissemination of the Slow City and Slow Food activities

“Cittaslow International” Charter

cittaslow

International network of towns where quality of life is important



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Preamble

Establishment of the Association

The Association called “Cittaslow –Rete Internazionale delle città del buon vivere”: in short, “Cittaslow”, is established between the Towns of Bra, Greve in Chianti, Orvieto, Positano and Slow Food Association. The duration of the Association is unlimited. The Association will adopt its own trademark portraying “an orange coloured snail bearing a crown of modern and historical buildings” (as per Attachment C to the present Charter): integral part of the trademark will be the wording “Cittaslow Rete Internazionale delle città del buon vivere ”, whose use will be regulated.

Cittaslow Charter

PARAGRAPH I

Definitions and Principles

Art. 1

Headquarter

The National and International headquarter of the Association is Orvieto at the "Palazzo del Gusto", in the Saint John Convent, via Ripa di Serancia I, 16, and may have secondary branches.

Art. 2

Principles

The Association is a not for profit entity and its objectives are to promote and spread the culture of good living through research, testing and application of solutions for the city organisation.

The Association fundamental principles are contained in the Manifesto of Cittaslow, which is specifically approved and attached to the present Charter with the letter A.

Art. 3

Values

The Association hereby undertakes the commitment to actively comply with and promote in every venue the values and contents of Slow Food by implementing cooperation with the territorial and international organs of the Association.

Art. 4

Trademarks

The name and logo of the Association are registered trademarks and assets belonging to the same. Their handling is the exclusive authority of the international coordination office, which authorises their use based on the principles of the present Charter and general directions that the coordinating office will wish to pursue.

The name Cittaslow will not be translated in other languages.

Art. 5

Dissolution

Dissolution of the Association is deliberated by the Members general Assembly by way of majority of two third of the Members who will appoint one or more liquidators and define the procedures conveying any of the assets to institutions pursuing objectives similar r to those of the Association.

Art. 6

Official Languages

The official languages of the Association are Italian and/or English.

PARAGRAPH II

Managing Funds

Art. 7

Mutual International Cash Fund

The International Association will manage its own funds which are generated by:

- payments of annual registration and membership fees;
- any reserve funds generated by budget surpluses;
- any donations, gifts and legacies;
- any contributions from public and private institutions;
- any revenues generated by payment for services to members and not, and from economic or commercial activities.

In addition, every National Coordination Group of the individual national network may establish its own Mutual Cash Fund (FCC).

The Association fiscal year ends as of December 31 of every year.

For the International Cittaslow, by March 15 of the subsequent year, the Coordination Committee will prearrange the forecasted and closing budget for the subsequent fiscal year to be submitted before the Association for approval.

For the National Network, by January 31 of the subsequent year, the National Coordination Group will prearrange the forecasted and closing budget for the subsequent fiscal year, a copy of which must be obligatorily sent to the International Coordination Committee.

PARAGRAPH III

Joining – Commitments - Faculties

Art. 8

Joining

The International Association may be joined by all the cities which, normally, have not more than 50 thousands residents, except for different justified decisions by the Association organs.

Are to be admitted as members cities and Towns whose application will be accepted by the International Coordination Committee based on proposal of the national Coordination, whereby existing. The “Status” of member is assumed after the payment of a registration fee within four months from the acceptance.

On the joining application the candidate member must declare to accept without reservations the Association Charter. The procedures for joining, withdrawing and exclusions are governed by the Association Regulations.

Art. 9

Members

Ordinary Members: are intended all those who have been accepted in the Association based on the provisions of the previous article and regulations. Every Member undertakes the commitment to implement within its own area and community the objectives guide lines of Cittaslow Association. In addition has the duty of refraining from behaviours that may contrast with the objectives, philosophy and values of the Cittaslow Association or that may seriously harm its image. If a Member transgresses these rules, the Coordination Committee may deliberate its immediate expulsion.

Art. 10

Subjects supporters

Are hereby intended as subjects supporters, public institutions (Regions, Provinces, Towns, Cantons....), which intend to support the activities and life of the Association

The subject supporter will notify the Coordination Committee:

- the amount and nature of the contribution;
- reasons and interests for supporting the Cittaslow activities.

- supply of services gratuitously or on exceptional terms;
- financial support for the specific projects;
- technical and scientific cooperation;
- patronage (in case of institutions).

To acquire the status of subject supporter is necessary to notify the intentions through a member city, which will provide to submit the request with the appropriate offices of the Association.

If there is a national coordination, Membership dues of supporters are full availability of Coordination. Otherwise be attributed to the International Coordination

Art. 11

“Friends of Cittaslow”

For “FRIENDS OF CITTASLOW” are intended: cultural and scientific associations, non-profit professional and trade associations, which intend to simply contribute to the activities of the Association through:

- a. Donation of money;
- b. supply of services gratuitously or on exceptional terms;
- c. financial support for the specific projects;
- d. technical and scientific cooperation.

Contributions may be requested by the Coordination Committee or offered by the subject supporters.

The National Coordination Group proposes the acceptance by submitting to the International Coordination Committee, which in turn hands out the decision within three months from the proposal.

If there is a national coordination, Membership dues of Friends of Cittaslow are full availability of Coordination. Otherwise be attributed to the International Coordination

Friends of Città Slow may associate the title of “Friend of Cittaslow” to their image and, in case of financial support for specific projects, may advertise the project supported.

The relative procedures will be agreed upon each time through the signing of a special agreement in which will also be indicated the duration. In case of patronage, a special agreement is not required.

To acquire the status of Friend of Cittaslow is necessary to notify its interest through the city, which will provide to submit immediately the request before the appropriate offices of the Association.

Art. 12

Compliance with the regulations

Members are expected to comply with the regulations of the present Charter and deliberations by the Assembly and International Coordination Committee of the Cittaslow Association, non-compliance can result, in serious cases and upon justified deliberation, in the exclusion of the member. The exclusion may be decided even for a documented activity openly contrary to the Association principles.

Art. 13

Commitments

The Cittaslow undertakes the commitment to:

- implement specific and targeted initiatives, which go beyond the normal compliance with the current laws, aimed at improving the principles of article 3 throughout their territories;
- spread the Cittaslow and Slow Food initiatives and publicise the initiatives implemented to achieve the objectives of the Movement;
- apply, in compliance with the local specificities, the choices shared by the Cittaslow pertaining to the initial and periodical certification and promote any verifications provided by the National or International Coordination Committees on individual important initiatives;
- contribute, based on their own willingness, to the initiatives of general interest, which will be agreed upon for assessing the results of the initiatives;
- appoint a permanent delegate for the Cittaslow – promote as a first step, whereby is not yet present, the establishment within the city of a Convivium or Conduct by Slow Food;;
- identify a technical contact subject within the administration who coordinates the attendance of the Institution to the life of the Association.

Art. 14

Faculties

Member Cities will have the faculty of:

- associating the “Cittaslow” trademark to their images;
- grant the use of the trademark to all public and private initiatives which would contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the movement based on procedures which will be

established through an appropriate regulation by the Association;

- to associate within themselves locally for a better organisation of their activities (area Coordination of Cittaslow) when their number exceeds three within the same Region/Area

- if there are less than three cities in a Region/Area, it will be possible to implement, on a temporarily basis, an interregional coordination with the same end-purposes.

PARAGRAPH IV

International Cittaslow organs

Art. 15

Organs

The following are Organs of the International Association:

- International Assembly
- International Coordination Committee
- International President
- President Council
- Board of guarantors
- International scientific committee
- Accounting Auditor.

All organs are appointed for 3 years

Art. 16

The International Assembly

As a rule, the International Assembly meets annually, at international headquarters in Orvieto (Italy); it is made up of:

1. all the representatives, or their delegates, of the member towns whose membership fees are fully paid up and which have completed all the other requisite formalities, and
2. all emeritus international presidents, without voting rights.

The International Assembly deliberates on the mutual strategies, international promotional activities and problems of international coordination.

The meeting of the assembly will be fulfilled at least 60 (sixty) days in advance through notification to members through electronic mail. On the meeting notice must be indicated the day, place and time of the meeting and agenda.

The assembly must be also called to meeting when deemed necessary or when a justified request is submitted by at least one tenth of the members.

The Assembly:

- elects the International Coordination Committee and appoints the Accounting Auditor and Board of Guarantors;
- decides for the objectives to pursue during the year and the working guide lines, parameters for the assessments and structures necessary for measuring them;
- indicates the initiatives of general interest and the necessary budget;
- establishes the annual fee of association;
- approves the forecasted and final Budget according to the procedures of art. 7;
- approves the annual Mutual Fund statement (art. 9 of the present Charter);
- elects the president majority

The Assembly is legally established through the attendance, in person or by valid proxies, of at least half of the members and deliberates according to the simple majority of votes by the attendees. On second convocation the deliberation is considered approved regardless the number of attendees.

The Assembly modifies the Charter and regulations through the attendance of at least three fourths of the members and favourable vote of the majority of the attendees.

Members can be represented exclusively by other members, but no one, however, may have the right to more than five votes.

If the Assembly is deciding on subjects affecting at the same time all members, one third of the attendees may request the meeting of the Plenary Assembly made up by all members of the Association.

Art. 17

International Coordination Committee

The Coordination Committee meets at least twice a year, and normally, at one of Cittaslow, if not at the international headquarter of Orvieto (Italy) and it is made up by 21 members:

- 8 representatives for delegates of National Networks
- 8 representatives for delegates from Italian Cittaslow
- 4 representatives for the four city founding
- 1 representative of Slow Food International

The president of the Board of Guarantors and Director are invited to attend the works of the Coordination Committee.

Forfeiture from the coordination committee, even if from a founding city, occurs after three unjustified absences in one year. In case of forfeiture, the coordination committee may provide in

appointing a replacement.

The Coordination Committee may also be conducted in open session, by extending participation to other Città Slow.

The Coordination Committee, based on majority voting/attendance:

- appoints the President Council;
 - deliberates the membership procedures for the cities;
 - deliberates on membership application by the cities and any exclusions;
 - upon acquiring the opinion by the Board of Guarantors, deliberates (officially or upon notification by a National Coordination Group) the immediate exclusion of a member due to any behaviour contrary to the purposes of the Association that may seriously harm its image;
 - deliberates on the initiatives for implementing the Assembly decisions;
 - deliberates on the management of the Mutual Fund and management of the budgets and accounting;
 - deliberates on the general subjects and valid guide lines for the National Operating Structures of Cittaslow Movement;
 - deliberates on the harmonisation of procedures and operating methods amongst the members of the Association in various countries;
 - coordinates and supports the single activities of the National Operating Structures;
 - approves the general criteria for assigning the Cittaslow award;
 - organises activities and projects of the Association and verifies at least once a year the results;
 - establishes the annual calendar of events even if organised by the members, who will wear/display the logo of Cittaslow;
 - appoints members of the Scientific Committee and Board of Guarantors;
- 9 Draws the forecasted and final budget for the subsequent fiscal year by January 31;
- 10 Draws the statement of the mutual cash fund
- manages funds and properties;

Art. 18

The International President

The President represents the Association, oversees the activities of the Association, calls to meeting the Assembly and Coordination Committee.

Art. 19

President Council

Is made up by the president and 3 vice presidents. Cooperates with the president for all the activities pertaining to the call to meeting of the assembly and meetings of the International Coordination Committee.

The Director are invited to attend the works of the President Council.

On behalf formally expressed, can also instruct or manage competence of the International Coordination Committee, as the result attributed by art.17 of this Statute.

Art. 20

Board of Guarantors

The Board of Guarantors is the organism of statutory and jurisdictional guarantee. It reviews the disciplinary cases submitted by the members and decides about them by issuing written measures to take within 60 days. It is made up by three members and elect within a president.

Art. 21

International Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee is made up by experts and scholars from various disciplines, with the role of supplying to the Association organs, broad and updated scientific and cultural information for the improvement of the activities fulfilled and cooperates for the organisational activity of the Cittaslow award.

Art. 22

Accounting auditor

The general assembly appoints every three years an accounting auditor.

The accounting auditor oversees audit of expenses, supervises operating administration of the

association and reports to the general assembly.

Art. 23

Responsibilities of the international executive organs

The international executive organs of the association do not answer for the obligations undertaken by the member associations and national, local and territorial structures, which each answers solely through their own funds and executive organs.

Art. 24

Controversies

Any controversies amongst members and between members and the Association or its organs will be submitted, excluding any other jurisdiction, before the authority of the Guarantors. They will judge *ex bono et aequo* without any formal procedure and in the shortest time possible. Their decisions are unappealable.

PARAGRAPH V

National Organisational Structure

Art. 25

National and/or Territorial Organisational Structures

If within the National and/or Territorial area meet at least three member cities, a National or Territorial Organisational Structure is established, which is the reference for the Coordination Committee.

The executive organ of the above structure is the National Coordination Group which reports to a Cittaslow and which undertakes the role of coordinator within the territory.

Art. 26

National Coordinating Committee

The National Coordination Committee is made up of one national network representative per town or per group of towns and has the following responsibilities:

- it elects, by majority vote, the national coordinator, who may call on the services of technical aides at the behest of the town representatives;
- it organises the association's activities by projects and audits their results at least once a year, reporting to the International Coordinating Committee accordingly.
- establishes the annual calendar of national events, even if organised by member towns, which can boast the display of the Cittaslow logo and sends copy to the International Coordination Committee;
- Draws the forecasted and final national budget for the subsequent fiscal; ear by January 31 and sends a copy to the Coordination Committee;
- manages the national network fund;
- verify the application of membership from new candidate cities to submit to the Coordination Committee;
- notifies the International Coordination Committee, the request for immediate expulsion of a member due to any behaviour contrary to the purposes of the Association that may seriously harm its image;

For Italy, the national coordination group matches the members of the International Coordination Group

PARAGRAPH VI

Attachments

Art. 27

Attachments

The following attachments

- 1 Attachment A – Charter
- 2 Attachment B – Membership Regulations
- 3 Attachment C – Certification
- 4 Attachment D – Logo
- 5 Attachment F – Official assessment cards

Represent, together with the preambles, integral part of the present Charter.

Art. 28

Reference standards

Anything not provided by the present Charter, refer to the current law provisions.

Attachments

Attachment "A" to the Charter

CHARTER DOCUMENT

The development of local communities is based, among others, on the ability to share and recognise their intrinsic specific traits, of regaining their own identity, visible from outside and deeply lived within.

Globalisation, although representing an opportunity of exchange and circulation, has a tendency though, to flatten-out the differences and hide the features typical of the individual communities, proposing pedestrian average models that do not belong to no one and generate, inevitably, mediocrity. But a different need is spreading, of new solutions that go toward research and spreading of excellence, without necessarily turning it in an elite event, but instead, proposing it as a cultural event, and as such universal. .

From here the success of the many who have searched specificity and have brought it to the knowledge of the world.

For this reason Slow Food, which of the search for quality, starting from taste, has made the reasons of its success and diffusion at the international level, and the Cities which have distinguished themselves in this activity, represent an international network of the Cittaslow, which decided together to live their mutual experiences, starting from a shared code of concrete and verifiable behaviours, broadening attention to a good table, quality of accommodation, services and urban fabric.

Cittaslow sign and underwrite a number of commitments whose compliance with will be verified periodically and in a uniform fashion in all joining cities, in any town in all continents.

Cittaslow are those in which:

- an environmental policy is implemented aimed at maintaining and developing the characteristics of the area and urban fabric, appreciating in first place the techniques of recovery and recycle.
- an infrastructure policy is implemented functional to the appreciations of the territory and not to its occupation;
- the use of technologies aimed at improving quality of the environment and urban fabric is promoted
- is stimulated the production and use of food products obtained through natural techniques and compatible with the environment, excluding transgenic products, and whereby deemed necessary, to the set up of facilities for the safeguard and development of typical productions in difficulties.
- the autochthonal production rooted in the culture and traditions is safeguarded and contribute to the standardisation of the area, maintaining the places and methods, promoting privileged events and spaces for the direct contact between consumers and producers of quality.
- quality of hospitality is promoted as a real moment of connection with the community and its features, removing physical and cultural obstacles that may prejudice the full and widespread use of city

resources.

- amongst the citizens, and not just among the operators, is promoted the awareness of living in a Cittaslow, with special attention paid to the world of youth and school through systematic introduction of taste education.

The Cities joining the movement undertake the commitment:

- spreading the initiatives of the Cittaslow and make public the initiative implemented to achieve the objectives of the movement.
- to apply, based on the respect for the local features, the choices shared by the Cittaslow and promote verification by the subjects charged by the movement through parameters agreed upon for the assessment of the results of the initiatives.
- to contribute, based on their own willingness, to the initiatives of general concern, which will be agreed upon, and to the coordination of the movement.

The Cities will have the faculty:

- to associate their image to the logo of the movement boasting display of the Citta Slow title.
- grant the use of the logo in all public and private initiatives and activities, which contribute to the achievement of the objectives by the movement.
- participate to the initiatives that will be conducted within the movement, utilising, through procedures to be agreed upon, models and structures.

The movement activity will be directed by annual assemblies which will decide on:

- the objectives for the year and work guidelines, assessing parameters and structures necessary to measure them
- initiatives of general interest and the necessary budget, therein included coordinating activities.
- the set-up of a coordinating Committee for the activities which will include representatives of Slow Food and promoting Cities and a number of representatives from other Cities, insuring the presence of a delegation from every Country.

The annual Assemblies, to be held each time in different City, will represent the opportunity for a debate, even technical and scientific, on the problems of quality of life in the cities and to draw up a report on the Cittaslow.

Orvieto, 15 October 1999

Attachment “B” to the Charter

REGULATIONS ON ADMISSION

to the Cittaslow – International Network of Towns “Where It’s Good to Live” Association

Insert The President Committee made up by the President, two Vice-president, appointment of the Director, Secretary and Cashier and assigns the necessary technical tasks for fulfilling and handling the local social activities.

Art. 1

Work tools

- Internationalisation policy chief
- Staff Office

The internationalisation policy chief is invested with powers of representation pertaining to relations with foreign towns and identifies the national parameters with which all those interested in joining the association must comply.

The Staff Office is made up of:

- the policy chief referred to above, who acts in accordance with the instructions and decisions of the Coordinating Committee;
- the director, with responsibility for processing towns’ applications for membership;
- an internationalisation officer, who provides the policy chief with all the requisite operational support and handles direct relations with the towns that apply for admission to the association, and

the Cittaslow certification officer, with responsibility for assessing the correctness of the certification procedures

Art. 2

Joining – Withdrawal – Exclusion.

The joining procedures are also provided by art 10 of the Charter; in addition, the status of member is

not transferable and is implicitly renewed through the payment of the annual fee to the association.

The member may always WITHDRAW from the association by submitting a written request. The request of withdrawal must be notified in writing to the Coordination Committee and is effective upon expiration of the year current, as long as sent at least three months in advance (by September 30).

EXCLUSION of a member can be deliberated by the assembly for serious reason or for not having paid the membership fees for at least two years.

Members who have withdrawn or been excluded or anyway have ceased to be member of the association, cannot request the restitution of the contributions paid, nor have any right over the assets of the association.

Membership is allowed for international Associations of cities as well as for those towns located within an environmental, archaeological and cultural park, which can join collectively.

Art. 3

Link with Slow Food

Cittaslow is linked to the Associazione of the international of Slow Food with which shares the philosophy the memorandum agreement signed in Plueba on 09.11.2007.

Art. 4

Membership application

The Mayor of the City, which intends to join the Cittaslow network, sends to the Coordination Committee or to the Authorised National Operating Structure an application requesting membership to the association containing the following information:

- Introduction to the city;
- Reasons for choosing to join;
- Identification of the requirements met and projects in progress for meeting them;
- Institutional and technical contact subjects appointed for the relation with the Association.

After acceptance of the application, the city must provide in paying a lump sum amount of 600.00 Euro; the membership fee provided by art. 8 of the present Regulations will be paid only after admission.

Art. 5

Verifying membership application.

The Coordination Committee verifies the membership application.

Membership applications will be reviewed for cities, which normally do not have more than 50

thousand residents and are not provincial capitals.

Art. 6

Membership Procedures

The procedures for admission to Cittaslow are as follows:

1) In countries where no Cittaslow network is already in place, the following steps are required:

- A. A local organisation delegate who will work actively with the Internationalisation Working Party is to be identified.
- B. If necessary, the internationalisation policy chief, in conjunction with the local Slow Food chair or his/her delegate and the head of the local national network organisation, is to set the national parameters, which must be in line with the fundamental criteria laid down in the Cittaslow Manifesto.
- C. The requisites are to be reviewed.
- D. It is to be established whether at least 50% of the requisites are met.
- E. The Staff Office is to conduct a local inspection to check out the quality and quantity standards set out in the National Organisational Structure's Attachments C and F.
- F. A non-returnable fee of 600.00 euros is to be paid to Cittaslow International and, from the creation of the national network onwards, to the certifying body selected from within said network.
- G. Admission is to be granted by the International Coordinating Committee, which will examine the final report and ratify admission to membership of the Association.

2) In countries where a Cittaslow network is already in place, the admission procedure is delegated (as regards points A – C – D – E above) to the network's National Coordinating Committee, whereas the procedure set out in points F and G remains unchanged from section one of this article.

3) In countries where there is no Cittaslow network, but where one or two certified towns are in operation, said towns will call on the Staff Office for support with regard to further admissions and the creation of a national network.

Art. 7

Admission

The Coordination Committee reviews the final written report and decides on the admission for the cities which comply with at least 50% of the total requirements provided by the indicators cards (see attachments "C" and "F") implemented by the Association, with compliance with at least one of the parameters for each category.

Art. 8

Periodical Verifications

The steps provided by the preceding articles, will be repeated every 5 years in each City. Through the same intervals and procedures, the Coordination Committee will decide on the term of permanence of the City within the network. The Coordination Committee can provide, through appropriate advance notice, to carry out a verification even during intermediate periods and decide on the term of permanence.

Art. 9

Obligatory Rule

Member cities undertake the commitment to comply with the achievement of the objectives established each time for the campaigns proposed by the Association administrative organs.

Art. 10

Charges and fees

The following are charged to the member cities: the annual membership fees set by the Assembly, which is payable directly to the Association by and not later than June 30 of every year.

Art. 11

Transitional Rule

The annual membership fee is set for 2009 in the following amount:

cities with less than 1 thousands residents Euro **600.00**

cities with less than 5 thousands residents Euro **750.00**

cities with 5 to 15 thousands residents Euro **1,500.00**

cities with 15 to 30 thousands residents Euro **2,500.00**

cities with more than 30 thousands residents Euro **3,500.00**

Attachment “C” to the Charter

Requirements for excellence

Environmental Policies

1. Verification of the quality of the air, of water, of the soil within the parameters established by law.
2. Plans for the promotion and dissemination of differentiated refuse collection including urban refuse and special wastes.
3. Dissemination and promotion of industrial and domestic composting
4. Existence of a purification plant for urban or cooperative sewage.
5. Municipal plan for saving energy, with reference particularly to the use of alternative sources of energy (renewable sources, green hydrogen, mini hydroelectric power plant) and producing heat from RSU and biomasses.***
6. Ban on the use of O.G.M. *** in agriculture.
7. Municipal plan for the regulation of commercial art and traffic signs.
8. Systems for controlling electromagnetic pollution.
9. Program for controlling and reducing noise pollution.
10. Systems and programs for controlling light pollution.***
11. Adoption of systems of environmental management (EMAS and ECOLABEL or ISO 9001; ISO 14000, SA 8000 and participation in Agenda 21 projects). ***

Infrastructure policies

1. Plans for improving and for the reclamation of historical centers and/or works of cultural or historical value
2. Plans for safe mobility and traffic
3. Bicycle tracks connecting schools and public buildings.
4. Plans favoring alternative mobility over private transportation and for the integration of traffic with public means of transportation and pedestrian areas (extra-urban car parks linked to public transportation, escalators, moving walkways, rail or cable installations, cycling tracks, pedestrian itineraries providing access to schools, work places, etc.) ***
5. Verification of the application of D.L. 503/'96 to guarantee that public places and those of public interest are accessible for the disabled and the removal of architectural barriers and access to technologies. ***

6. Promotion of programs to facilitate family life and local activities (recreation, sports, activities aimed at creating bonds between school and family, assistance, including home assistance for the elderly and chronically ill, social centers, regulatory plan of municipal business hours, public lavatories). ***
7. Center for medical assistance.
8. Quality green areas respecting the minimum complement of equipment as established by the D.M. 1444/'68 and service infrastructures (interconnecting green areas, play grounds, etc.)
9. Plan for the distribution of merchandise and the creation of “commercial centers for natural products”.
10. Agreement with the shopkeepers with regards to the reception and assistance to citizens in trouble: “friendly shops”.
11. Redevelopment of deteriorating urban areas and projects for the reutilization of the city.
12. Program for an urban restyling and upgrading. ***
13. Integration of the U.R.P. functions, with Slow City information windows. ***

Technologies and facilities for Urban Quality

1. Window for bio-architecture and programs for the training of personnel assigned to the information project for the promotion of bioarchitecture ***
2. Equipping the city with cables for optical fiber and wireless systems
3. Adoption of systems for monitoring electromagnetic fields.
4. Providing refuse containers in keeping with the environment and the landscape and removal according to established timetables.
5. Programs and promotion for planting public and private places with important environmentally suitable plants, preferably autochthonous in line with criteria of landscape gardening.
6. Plans for providing services for the citizens (Dissemination of municipal services via internet and plans for creating and educating the citizens in the use of an internet-based civic network).
7. Plan for controlling noise in specifically noisy areas.
8. Plan concerning colors.
9. Promotion of telework.

Safeguarding autochthonous production

1. Plans for the development of organic farming. ***

2. Certification of the quality of artisan produced products and objects and artistic crafts. ***
3. Programs for the safeguarding of artisan and/or artistic craft products in danger of extinction. ***
4. Safeguarding traditional methods of work and professions at a risk of extinction. ***
5. Use of organic products and/or those produced in the territory and the preservation of local traditions in restaurants, protected structures, school cafeterias). ***
6. Programs for educating taste and nutrition in schools in collaboration with Slow Food***
7. Favoring the activities of wine and gastronomic Slow Food Presidia for species and preparations risking extinction. ***
8. Census of the typical products of the territory and support of their commercialization (updating of markets for local products, creation of appropriate spaces). ***
9. Census of trees in the city and enhancing the value of large trees or “historical trees”.
10. Promoting and preserving local cultural events. ***
11. Promoting “urban” and school gardens for autochthonous cultures grown with traditional methods.

Hospitality

1. Training courses for tourist information and quality hospitality***.
2. Using international signs in the tourist signs of the historical centers with guided tourist itineraries. ***
3. Reception policies and plans to facilitate the approach of the visitors to the city and access to information and services (parking, extension/elasticity of opening hours of public offices, etc.) with particular regards to scheduled events.
4. Preparation of “slow” itineraries of the city (brochures, websites, home pages, etc.)
5. Making the tourist operators and storekeepers aware of the need for a transparency of prices and the exhibition of rates outside the business establishments.

Awareness

1. Campaign to provide the citizens with information on the aims and procedures of what a Slow City is, preceded by information of the intentions of the Administration to become a Slow City***
2. Programs to involve the social fabric in acquiring the “slow” philosophy and the application of Slow City projects and in particular: educational gardens and parks, book facilities, adhesion to the project of the germ plasma bank. ***
1. Programs for the dissemination of the Slow City and Slow Food activities. ****

Extraordinary requisites

- Meeting the requisite, launched by Slow City, for the campaign of “action/identity” of Slow City (obligatory)
- Constitution and support of the Slow Food Presidia (note of merit).

Member cities are required to add the trade mark Cittaslow (Slow City) to their municipal letterhead and to add the contents of the “slow” philosophy to their website.

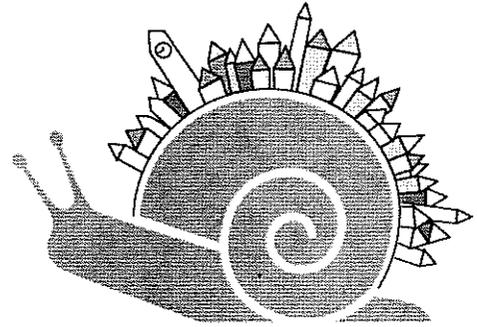
Support to Slow Food activities and projects

1. Establishment of a local Convivium Slow Food.
2. Education programmes for tastes and nutrition for the Compulsory and secondary schools in cooperation with Slow Food.
3. Set-up of school vegetable gardens in cooperation with Slow Food.
4. Implementing one or more projects of Arca or Slow Food Centres for species or productions with the risk of extinction.
5. Use of local area products safeguarded by Slow Food and maintenance of nutritional traditions in collective food service, in protected structures, schools canteens with annexed food education programmes.
6. Support to the typical local area products through implementation of the “Mercati della Terra” in cooperation with Slow Food.
6. Support for the “Terra Madre” project and food communities through joint twinning

Attachment "D" to the Charter
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International network of towns where quality of life is important



Attachment “E” to the Charter

Official assessment cards

The cards display in simple fashion the results achieved by the applicant cities at the time of verifying the quality and quantity standards.

We remind that the scoring ranges from a minimum of 1 to a maximum of 3

<u>Environmental Policies</u>	<u>Infrastructure</u>	<u>Technologies and Facilities for Urban Quality</u>	<u>Safeguarding Autochthonous (Indigenous/Organic) Agriculture</u>	<u>Hospitality</u>	<u>Awareness</u>
Verification of the quality of the air, of water, of the soil within the parameters established by law.	Plans for improving and for the reclamation of historical centers and/or works of cultural or historical value	Window for bio-architecture and programs for the training of personnel assigned to the information project for the promotion of bioarchitecture ***	Plans for the development of organic farming. ***	Training courses for tourist information and quality hospitality ***	Campaign to provide the citizens with information on the aims and procedures of what a Slow City is, preceded by information of the intentions of the Administration to become a Slow City ***
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Dissemination and promotion of industrial and domestic composting.	Bicycle tracks connecting schools and public buildings.	Adoption of systems for monitoring electromagnetic fields.	Programs for the safeguarding of artisan and/or artistic craft products in danger of extinction. ***	Reception policies and plans to facilitate the approach of the visitors to the city and access to information and services (parking, extension/elasticity of opening hours of public offices, etc.) with particular regards to scheduled events.	Programs for the dissemination of the Slow City and Slow Food activities. ***
Existence of a purification plant for urban or cooperative sewage.	Plans favoring alternative mobility over private transportation and for the integration of traffic with public means of transportation and pedestrian areas (extra-urban car parks linked to public transportation, escalators, moving walkways, rail or cable installations, cycling tracks, pedestrian itineraries providing access to schools, work places.	Providing refuse containers in keeping with the environment and the landscape and removal according to established timetables.	Safeguarding traditional methods of work and professions at a risk of extinction. ***	Preparation of "slow" itineraries of the city (brochures, websites, home pages, etc.)	
Municipal plan for saving energy, with reference particularly to the use of alternative sources of energy (renewable sources, green hydrogen, mini hydroelectric power plant) and producing heat from RSU and biomasses. ***	Verification of the application of the D.L. 503/96 to guarantee that public places and those of public interest are accessible for the disabled and the removal of architectural barriers and access to technologies. ***	Programs and promotion for planting public and private places with important environmentally suitable plants, preferably autochthonous in line with criteria of landscape gardening.	Use of organic products and/or those produced in the territory and the preservation of local traditions in restaurants, protected structures, school cafeterias). ***	Making the tourist operators and storekeepers aware of the need for a transparency of prices and the exhibition of rates outside the business establishments.	

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