



10 PRINCIPLES FOR URBAN GOVERNANCE

1. **The City Government shall be run by a directly elected Mayor:** Mayor to function as the executive head of a City Government, directly elected by Mumbai Citizens with full power to delegate and decide on appointments and departments.
2. **The City Government shall have financial and legislative autonomy:** The City Government shall have complete financial and legislative autonomy to be able to generate its own revenue for delivering urban services, as well as make its own laws for the purpose of city governance.
3. **The City Government shall provide for but not produce public services:** The role of the City Government will be to spend tax collections on those things that cannot be produced privately. The City Government shall endeavour to move in the direction of limiting its role in the production of public services.
4. **The City Government shall not create or maintain monopoly over institutions and services:** No sector or area shall be reserved exclusively for the City Government.
5. **The City Government will expand choices for consumers by encouraging competition for delivery of services:** The delivery of public services must be designed to provide consumers with more choices and should be aimed at increasing efficiency.
6. **The City Government will deregulate and de-license to reduce complexity:** The City Government shall strive towards minimal regulation and shall create a transparent system of licensing.
7. **The City Government will ensure decentralisation of decision-making and greater citizen participation:** Decision-making on expenditures should be left to the lowest rung of government that can effectively look after it. The City Government should allow for citizen involvement in terms of major policy deliberations.
8. **The City Government will not discriminate amongst citizens and shall treat everyone equally:** Whether for employment opportunities or for contractual purposes or anything else involving City Government, it shall follow a principled policy of non-discrimination.
9. **The City Government shall ensure complete accountability and transparency:** The City Government shall, through all means possible, regularly publish all information in the simplest and easiest form.
10. **The City Government shall maintain a balanced budget:** The City Government shall maintain a balanced budget and should not run deficits or surplus under any circumstances.