Virtual Earth Nation — Section 3: Governance & Law

3.0 Principles

• Stability over speculation: law designed for centuries, not cycles.

• Rights + Duties: citizenship comes with protections and obligations (work/residency).

• Transparent by default: rules, budgets, audits, and AI adjustments are visible to all.

• Human-led, AI-assisted: AI proposes/monitors; humans decide/appeal.

• Due process: every enforcement action has notice, evidence, and an appeal path.

3.1 Citizenship & Residency

• Citizenship tiers: Resident (KYC-verified, must maintain an address and a job/business); Citizen (Resident + civic training + voting rights); Corporate Resident (verified entity with beneficial owners disclosed).

• No homelessness: every participant must register a dwelling (owned or rented).

• Residency compliance: 90-day gap without address → auto-warning → grace period → suspension until corrected.

3.2 Rights & Duties

• Rights: private property; business operation; fair trial; speech (within safety & fraud laws); data privacy; portability of earnings (VC↔VEX↔fiat).

• Duties: maintain residency; work or operate a business; pay taxes/fees; comply with AML/KYC; truthful representation of goods/services.

3.3 Branches of Governance

• Assembly (citizen legislature): elects representatives by proportional voting; passes statutes, budgets, and oversees regulators.

• Executive Council: implements laws; manages agencies; emergency powers tightly scoped and time-bound.

• Judiciary: independent virtual courts; arbitration for commerce disputes; appeals and Constitutional Court.

3.4 AI Economic Council (AEC)

• Role: monitors prices, wages, velocity; proposes parameter changes.

• Guardrails: hard-coded limits; human ratification for out-of-band moves; public changelog and dashboards.

• Audits: quarterly third-party audits; incident reports mandatory.

3.5 Rulemaking & Transparency

• Open rulemaking: proposals posted with impact analyses; comment windows; Assembly vote.

• Budget transparency: real-time ledger of revenue/spending.

• Open data: publish non-PII economic and governance datasets.

3.6 Law of Property & Land Use

• Ownership caps; vacancy discipline; zoning; eminent domain for public works with compensation.

3.7 Commercial Law & Consumer Protection

• Truth-in-trade; refunds/returns; ratings & mediation; cross-border disclosure.

3.8 Financial Regulation

• KYC/AML at on/off-ramps; VC and VEX rules; stable operations; audits.

3.9 Labor & Social Policy

• Work requirement with exemptions; fair work standards; safety net with limits.

3.10 Education, Health, and Professional Licensing

• Accredited education; licensed telemedicine; professional licensing registries.

3.11 Corporate Participation

• Premium tenancy; local hiring incentives; competition policy.

3.12 Enforcement & Penalties

• Graduated penalties; anti-grift; appeals process.

3.13 Data Privacy & Safety

• Privacy protections; anti-abuse moderation; crisis protocols.

3.14 Constitutional Protection & Amendment

• Foundational Charter; amendments require supermajority and referendum.

3.15 International Interface

• Compliance with real-world laws for shipments; jurisdiction rules.

3.16 Citizen Dividends & Public Finance

• Funding sources; dividend distribution; public works prioritization.

3.17 Emergency Powers (Narrow & Time-Bound)

• Triggers; tools; sunset clauses with reports.

3.18 Onboarding & Civic Education

• Civic course requirement; mentor program incentives.