§ 102–173.55 What is the naming convention for Cities and Townships?  
(a) To register any second-level domain within dot-gov, City (town) governments must register the domain name with the city (town) name or abbreviation, and clear reference to the State in which the city (town) is located. However—
   (1) Use of the State postal code should not be embedded within a single word in a way that obscures the postal code; and
   (2) Inclusion of the word city or town within the domain name is optional and may be used at the discretion of the local government.

(b)(1) The preferred format for city governments is to denote the State postal code after the city name, optionally separated by a dash. Examples of preferred domain names include—
   (i) Chicago-il.gov;
   (ii) Cityofcharleston-sc.gov;
   (iii) Charleston-wv.gov;
   (iv) Townofdumfries-va.gov; and
   (v) Detroithmi.gov.

(b)(2) GSA reserves the right to make exceptions to the naming conventions described in this subpart on a case-by-case basis in unique and compelling cases.

(c) If third-level domain naming is used, GSA reserves the right to offer exceptions to the third-level domain naming conventions described in this section on a case-by-case basis in unique and compelling cases.

§ 102–173.60 What is the naming convention for Counties or Parishes?  
(a) To register any second-level domain within dot-gov, County or Parish governments must register the County’s or Parish’s name or abbreviation, the word “county” or “parish” (because many counties have the same name as cities within the same State), and a reference to the State in which the county or parish is located. However, the use of the State postal code should not be embedded within a single word in a way that obscures the postal code.

(b) The preferred format for county or parish governments is to denote the State postal code after the county or parish, optionally separated by a dash. Examples of preferred domain names include—
   (1) Richmondcounty-ga.gov;
   (2) Pwc-county-va.gov; and
   (3) Countyofdorchestor-sc.gov.

§ 102–173.65 What is the naming convention for Native Sovereign Nations?  
To register any second-level domain in dot-gov, Native Sovereign Nations (NSN) may register any second-level domain name provided that it contains the registering NSN name followed by
§ 102–173.95  Are there any restrictions on the use of the dot-gov domain name?

The General Services Administration approves domain names for a specific term of time, generally two years unless otherwise stated, and under conditions of use. General conditions of registration and are posted at the registration Web site at http://www.nic.gov and may be modified over time. Organizations that operate web sites that are not in compliance with the conditions of use may have their domain name terminated.