

### **CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 1/2**

STATE

**2019 MUNICIPAL EQUALITY INDEX SCORECARD** 

COUNTY

#### I. Non-Discrimination Laws

This category evaluates whether discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity is prohibited by the city, county, or state in areas of employment, housing, and public accommodations.

Employment Housing

Public Accommodations

**SCORE BONUS** Single-Occupancy All-Gender Facilities

**BONUS** Protects Youth from Conversion Therapy





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## II. Municipality as Employer

By offering equivalent benefits and protections to LGBTQ employees, awarding contracts to fair-minded businesses, and taking steps to ensure an inclusive workplace, municipalities commit themselves to treating LGBTQ employees equally.

Non-Discrimination in City Employment Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance

Inclusive Workplace

SCORE

**BONUS** City Employee Domestic Partner Benefits





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## III. Municipal Services

This section assesses the efforts of the city to ensure LGBTQ constituents are included in city services and programs.

Human Rights Co

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LGBTQ Liaison in City Executive's Office

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SCORE	
BONUS	Youth Bullying Prevention Policy for City Services
BONUS	City Provides Services to LGBTQ Youth

**BONUS** City Provides Services to LGBTQ Homeless People **BONUS** City Provides Services to LGBTQ Elders **BONUS** City Provides Services HIV/AIDS





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## IV. Law Enforcement

Fair enforcement of the law includes responsible reporting of hate crimes and engaging with the LGBTQ community in a thoughtful and respectful way.

LGBTQ Police Liaison or Task Force

Reported 2017 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI

**SCORE** 

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**22** out of 22

# V. Leadership on LGBTQ Equality

This category measures the city leadership's commitment to fully include the LGBTQ community and to advocate for full equality.

Leadership's Public Position on LGBTQ Equality

Leadership's Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts

SCORE

**BONUS** Openly LGBTQ Elected or Appointed

**BONUS** City Tests Limits of Restrictive State

Municipal Leaders



**TOTAL SCORE 73 + TOTAL BONUS 8 =** 

Final Score 8

**CANNOT EXCEED 100** 





BONUS PTS for criteria not accessible to all cities at this time.

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