

### **INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI 1/2**

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### 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.

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	Employment	00
	Housing	00
	Public Accommodations	00

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Employment	0 0	0 0	0 0	5 5
Housing	00	00	00	5 5
Public Accommodations	00	00	00	5 5
SCORE			<b>0</b> o	ut of 30

## II. Municipality as Employer

By offering equivalent benefits and protections to LGBT employees, and by awarding contracts to fair-minded businesses, municipalities commit themselves to treating LGBT employees equally.

Non-Discrimination in City Employment	00	6 6
Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits	0	6
City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinanc	Ge 00	3 3
SCORE	0 0	out of 24
BONUS Municipality is a Welcoming Place to Work	+0	+2

### III. Municipal Service

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

es			COUNTY	CITY	AVAILABLE
Human Ri	ghts Commission			5	5
LGBT Liai	son in the Mayor's Office				5
Enumerate	ed Anti-Bullying School Policies	00	00	00	3 3
SCORE				<b>5</b> or	ut of 16
BONUS	Enforcement mechanism in Human Rights Commission			+0	+3
BONUS	City provides services to LGBT youth			+0	+2
BONUS	City provides services to LGBT homeless			+0	+2
BONUS	City provides services to LGBT elderly			+0	+2
BONUS	City provides services to people living with HIV/AIDS			+0	+2
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# IV. Law Enforcement

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

LGBT Police Liaison or Task Force	(0) (10)
Reported 2013 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI	12 12
SCORE	12 out of 22

#### V. Relationship with the LGBT Community

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

Leadership's Public Position on LGBT Equality Leadership's Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts

SCORE **BONUS** Openly LGBT elected or appointed

**BONUS** Cities are pro-equality despite restrictive state law

municipal leaders

0 out of 8



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**TOTAL SCORE 17 + TOTAL BONUS 0 =** 

Final Score 17

**CANNOT EXCEED 100** 

PTS FOR SEXUAL ORIENTATION



- PTS FOR GENDER IDENTITY



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

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