NORTH CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

2018 MUNICIPAL EQUALITY INDEX SCORECARD

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 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Housing    | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Public Accommodations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

SCORE: 10 out of 30

BONUS: Single-Occupancy All-Gender Facilities +0
BONUS: Protects Youth from Conversion Therapy +0

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 | 0 | 7 |
| Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits | 0 | 6 |
| City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance | 0 | 3 |
| Inclusive Workplace | 2 |

SCORE: 0 out of 28

BONUS: City Employee Domestic Partner Benefits +1

III. Municipal Services

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

| Human Rights Commission | 0 |
| NDO Enforcement by Human Rights Commission | 0 |
| LGBTQ Liaison in City Executive's Office | 0 |

SCORE: 5 out of 12

BONUS: Youth Bullying Prevention Policy for City Services +1
BONUS: City Provides Services to LGBTQ Youth +2
BONUS: City Provides Services to LGBTQ Homeless +2
BONUS: City Provides Services to LGBTQ Elders +2
BONUS: City Provides Services to LGBTQ Population +2
BONUS: City Provides Services to the Transgender Community +2

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 | 0 |

SCORE: 12 out of 22

BONUS: City Tests Limits of Restrictive State Law +3

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 | 4 |
| Leadership's Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts | 3 |

SCORE: 4 out of 8

BONUS: Openly LGBTQ Elected or Appointed Municipal Leaders +2

TOTAL SCORE 31 + TOTAL BONUS 2 = Final Score 33

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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