Berea, Kentucky
2019 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
Housing
Public Accommodations

SCORE 0 out of 30

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

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 14 out of 28

BONUS City Employee Domestic Partner Benefits

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
NDO Enforcement by Human Rights Commission
LGBTQ Liaison in City Executive’s Office

SCORE 5 out of 12

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 to LGBTQ Population
BONUS City Provides Services to the Transgender Community

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.

BONUS LGBTQ Police Liaison or Task Force
BONUS Reported 2017 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI

SCORE 12 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 4 out of 8

BONUS Openly LGBTQ Elected or Appointed Municipal Leaders
BONUS City Tests Limits of Restrictive State Law

TOTAL SCORE 35 + TOTAL BONUS 0 = Final Score 35
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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