

## **ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA 1/2**

2014 MUNICIPAL EQUALITY INDEX SCORECARD

COUNTY

I. Non-Discrimination Laws		STATE	COUNTY	AVAILABLE
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	00	3 0	(3 3
	Housing	00	3 0	3 3
	Public Accommodations	00	30	3 3
	SCORE			<b>9</b> out of 18

# II. Relationship Recognition

Marriage, civil unions, and comprehensive domestic partnerships are matters of state policy; cities and counties have only the power to create domestic partner registries.

ognition	STATE	COUNTY	AVAILABLE
Marriage Equality, Civil Unions, or Domestic Partnerships	12		(12)
Domestic Partner Registry		0	12
SCORE			<b>12</b> out of 12

# III. 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	5 5	5 5
Domestic Partner Health Benefits	4	4
Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits	0	4
Legal Dependent Benefits	(2)	(2)
Equivalent Family Leave	(2)	(2)
City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance	20	2 2
City Contractor Equal Benefits Ordinance	0	3
SCORE	2	<b>20</b> out of 29
<b>BONUS</b> Grossing Up of Employee Benefits	+0	+2
BONUS Inclusive Workplace	+2	+2

PTS FOR SEXUAL ORIENTATION  $\leftarrow$ 



PTS FOR GENDER IDENTITY



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

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#### IV. Municipal Services COUNTY AVAILABLE This section assesses the efforts of the city Human Rights Commission to ensure LGBT constituents are included in city services and programs. LGBT Liaison to City Executive Enumerated Anti-Bullying Policies SCORE **15** out of 15 **BONUS** NDO enforcement by Commission/Executive **BONUS** City provides services to/supports LGBT youth **BONUS** City provides services to/supports LGBT homeless **BONUS** City provides services to/supports LGBT elderly **BONUS** City provides services to/supports people living with HIV/AIDS V. Law Enforcement COUNTY **AVAILABLE** LGBT Police Liaison or Task Force Fair enforcement of the law includes responsible reporting of hate crimes and engaging with the LGBT community in a Reported 2012 Hate Crimes Statistics (10 thoughtful and respectful way. to the FBI SCORE **18** out of 18 VI. Relationship with the LGBT Community COUNTY **AVAILABLE** This category measures the city leadership's Leadership's Public Position on LGBT Equality commitment to fully include the LGBT community and to advocate for full equality. Leadership's Pro-Equality Legislative/Policy Efforts **SCORE** 8 out of 8 **BONUS** Openly LGBT elected or appointed municipal leaders **BONUS** City tests limits of restrictive state law

**TOTAL SCORE 82 + TOTAL BONUS 14 =** 

**CANNOT EXCEED 100** 

Final Score 96

AVAILABLE