

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.

	STATE	COUNTY	CITY	AVAILABLE
Employment				
Housing				
Public Accommodations				
SCORE	12 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.

* This city is subject to the jurisdiction of a federal circuit court that has ruled bans on marriages between two persons of the same sex are unconstitutional. However, as of the time of publication, marriages are not yet legally taking place in this jurisdiction.

	STATE	COUNTY	CITY	AVAILABLE
Marriage Equality, Civil Unions, or Domestic Partnerships				
Domestic Partner Registry				
SCORE	12 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.

	CITY	AVAILABLE
Non-Discrimination in City Employment		
Domestic Partner Health Benefits		
Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits		
Legal Dependent Benefits		
Equivalent Family Leave		
City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance		
City Contractor Equal Benefits Ordinance		
SCORE	18 out of 29	
BONUS Grossing Up of Employee Benefits		
BONUS Inclusive Workplace		

IV. Municipal Services

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

	STATE	COUNTY	CITY	AVAILABLE
Human Rights Commission				
LGBT Liaison to City Executive				
Enumerated Anti-Bullying Policies				
SCORE	5 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

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

	CITY	AVAILABLE
LGBT Police Liaison or Task Force		
Reported 2012 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI		
SCORE	18 out of 18	

VI. 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.

	CITY	AVAILABLE
Leadership's Public Position on LGBT Equality		
Leadership's Pro-Equality Legislative/Policy Efforts		
SCORE	7 out of 8	
BONUS Openly LGBT elected or appointed municipal leaders		
BONUS City tests limits of restrictive state law		

TOTAL SCORE 72 + TOTAL BONUS 2 =

Final Score 74

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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