

ESSEX, VERMONT 1/2

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RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

I. Non-Discrimination	n Laws	STATE	COUNTY	CITY	AVAILABLE
I. Non-Discriminatio 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	3 3 3 3	00	00	3333333
	SCORE			18 °	ut of 18

SCORE				10 0	ut of 18
II. Relationship Reco	gnition	STATE	COUNTY	CITY	AVAILABLE
Marriage, civil unions, and comprehensive domestic partnerships are matters of state policy; cities and counties have only the power to create domestic partner registries.	Marriage Equality, Civil Unions, or Domestic Partnerships	12			12
	Domestic Partner Registry		0	0	12
	SCORE			12 or	ut 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.

nployer	CITY	AVAILABLE
Non-Discrimination in City Employment	5 0	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	00	2 2
City Contractor Equal Benefits Ordinance	0	3
SCORE	13 o	ut of 29
BONUS Grossing Up of Employee Benefits	+0	+2
BONUS Inclusive Workplace	+0	+2

PTS FOR SEXUAL ORIENTATION — PTS FOR GENDER IDENTITY





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

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IV. Municipal Service	A.C.	STATE	COUNTY	CITY	AVAILABLE
This section assesses the efforts of the city to ensure LGBT constituents are included in city services and programs.	Human Rights Commission	- CIAILE		0	4
	LGBT Liaison to City Executive				5
	Enumerated Anti-Bullying Policies	3 3	00	33	3 3
	SCORE			6 o	ut of 15
	BONUS NDO enforcement by Commission/Executive			+0	+3
	BONUS City provides services to/supports LGBT youth			+0	+2
	BONUS City provides services to/supports LGBT homeless			+0	+2
	BONUS City provides services to/supports LGBT elderly			+0	+2
	BONUS City provides services to/supports people living with HIV/AIDS			+0	+2
V. Law Enforcement				CITY	AVAILABLE
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	(8)
	Reported 2012 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI			10	10
	SCORE			10 o	ut of 18
VI. Relationship with	the LGBT Community			CITY	AVAILABLE
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			0	(5)
	Leadership's Pro-Equality Legislative/Policy Efforts			0	3
	SCORE			0	out of 8
	BONUS Openly LGBT elected or appointed municipal leaders			+0	+3

BONUS City tests limits of restrictive state law

TOTAL SCORE 59 + TOTAL BONUS 0 =

CANNOT EXCEED 100

Final Score 59

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