

#### **NORTH CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 1/2**

**2014 MUNICIPAL EQUALITY INDEX SCORECARD** 

COUNTY

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(0)

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# 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.

Laws	STATE
Employment	0 0
Housing	00
Public Accommodations	00

## 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.

Marriage Equality, Civil Unions, or Domestic Partnerships

SCORE

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Domestic Partner Registry

STATE

(12)





**6** out of 18



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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	0 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	0 0 2 2
City Contractor Equal Benefits Ordinance	0 3
SCORE	<b>8</b> out 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 Services COUNTY CITY AVAILABLE Human Rights Commission This section assesses the efforts of the city to ensure LGBT constituents are included in city services and programs. LGBT Liaison to City Executive Enumerated Anti-Bullying Policies **SCORE 6** 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

**BONUS** City provides services to/supports

people living with HIV/AIDS

LGBT elderly

#### 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.

LGBT Police Liaison or Task Force Reported 2012 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI **SCORE** 

# 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.

Leadership's Public Position on LGBT Equality Leadership's Pro-Equality Legislative/Policy Efforts **SCORE BONUS** Openly LGBT elected or appointed

**TOTAL SCORE 44 + TOTAL BONUS 0 =** 

municipal leaders **BONUS** City tests limits of restrictive state law



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Final Score 44

**CANNOT EXCEED 100**