

## **VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA 1/2**

**2014 MUNICIPAL EQUALITY INDEX SCORECARD** 

I. Non-Discrimination	n Laws	STATE	COUNTY	CITY	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	00	00	3 3
	Housing	0 0	0 0	00	3 3
	Public Accommodations	00	00	00	3 3
	SCORE		<b>0</b> ou		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			<b>12</b> 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	$\overline{2}$	(2)
Equivalent Family Leave	(2)	(2)
City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance	00	2 2
City Contractor Equal Benefits Ordinance	0	3
SCORE	<b>13</b> 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 Services COUNTY CITY 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** 4 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 CITY AVAILABLE Fair enforcement of the law includes LGBT Police Liaison or Task Force responsible reporting of hate crimes and engaging with the LGBT community in a Reported 2012 Hate Crimes Statistics thoughtful and respectful way. to the FBI SCORE **10** out of 18 VI. Relationship with the LGBT Community 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 BONUS** Openly LGBT elected or appointed municipal leaders **BONUS** City tests limits of restrictive state law Final Score 4 **TOTAL SCORE 45 + TOTAL BONUS 2 =**

**CANNOT EXCEED 100**