# Municipal Equality Index Scorecard: Rochester, Minnesota

## 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.

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<tr>
<td>Employment</td>
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<td>Housing</td>
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<td>Public Accommodations</td>
<td>5</td>
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**Score:** 30 out of 30

## II. Municipality as Employer

By offering equivalent benefits and protections to LGBTQ employees, and by awarding contracts to fair-minded businesses, municipalities commit themselves to treating LGBTQ employees equally.

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<tr>
<td>Non-Discrimination in City Employment</td>
<td>6</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>6</td>
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<tr>
<td>City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3</td>
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**Score:** 12 out of 24

### BONUS

- Municipality is a Welcoming Place to Work
  - +2

## III. Municipal Services

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

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<tr>
<td>Human Rights Commission</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>LGBTQ Liaison in the Mayor’s Office</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Enumerated Anti-Bullying School Policies</td>
<td>3</td>
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**Score:** 6 out of 16

### BONUS

- Enforcement mechanism in Human Rights Commission
  - +2
- City provides services to LGBTQ youth
  - +2
- City provides services to LGBTQ homeless
  - +2
- City provides services to LGBTQ elderly
  - +2
- City provides services to people living with HIV/AIDS
  - +2
- City provides services to the transgender community
  - +2

## IV. Law Enforcement

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

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<td>LGBTQ Police Liaison or Task Force</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>Reported 2014 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI</td>
<td>12</td>
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**Score:** 12 out of 22

### BONUS

- Openly LGBTQ elected or appointed municipal leaders
  - +2
- Cities are pro-equality despite restrictive state law
  - +4

## V. Relationship with the LGBTQ Community

This category measures the city leadership’s commitment to fully include the LGBTQ community and to advocate for full equality.

### Leadership’s Public Position on LGBTQ Equality

- Leadership’s Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts
  - 0

**Score:** 2 out of 8

### Leadership’s Public Position on LGBTQ Equality

- +2

### Cities are pro-equality despite restrictive state law

- +4

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**Total Score:** 62 + **Total Bonus:** 0 = **Final Score:** 62

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