

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	AVAILABLE
Employment			
Housing			
Public Accommodations			
SCORE	30 out of 30		
BONUS Single-Occupancy All-Gender Facilities			
BONUS Protects Youth from Conversion Therapy			

II. Municipality as Employer

By offering equivalent benefits and protections to LGBTQ employees, awarding contracts to fair-minded businesses, and taking steps to ensure an inclusive workplace, municipalities commit themselves to treating LGBTQ employees equally.

	COUNTY	AVAILABLE
Non-Discrimination in City Employment		
Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits		
City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance		
Inclusive Workplace		
SCORE	26 out of 28	
BONUS City Employee Domestic Partner Benefits		

III. Municipal Services

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

	COUNTY	AVAILABLE
Human Rights Commission		
NDO Enforcement by Human Rights Commission		
LGBTQ Liaison to City Executive's Office		
SCORE	7 out of 12	
BONUS Youth Bullying Prevention Policy for City Services		
BONUS City Provides Services to LGBTQ Youth		
BONUS City Provides Services to LGBTQ Homeless People		
BONUS City Provides Services to LGBTQ Elders		
BONUS City Provides Services HIV/AIDS Population		
BONUS City Provides Services to the Transgender Community		

*UNINCORPORATED, RATED HOWARD COUNTY

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.

	COUNTY	AVAILABLE
LGBTQ Liaison/Task Force in Police Department		
Reported 2017 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI		
SCORE	22 out of 22	

V. Leadership on LGBTQ Equality

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

	COUNTY	AVAILABLE
Leadership's Public Position on LGBTQ Equality		
Leadership's Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy-Efforts		
SCORE	5 out of 8	
BONUS Openly LGBTQ Elected or Appointed Municipal Leaders		
BONUS City Tests Limits of Restrictive State Law		

TOTAL SCORE 90 + TOTAL BONUS 12 = Final Score 100

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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