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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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.

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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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FLEX Single-Occupancy All-Gender Facilities

FLEX Protects Youth from Conversion Therapy

FLEX City Employee Domestic Partner Benefits

FLEX Youth Bullying Prevention Policy for City Services

FLEX City Provides Services to LGBTQ Youth

FLEX City Provides Services to LGBTQ People Experiencing Homelessness

FLEX City Provides Services to LGBTQ Older Adults

FLEX City Provides Services to People Living with HIV or AIDS

FLEX City Provides Services to the Transgender Community
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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.

- LGBTQ Liaison/Task Force in Police Department:
  - COUNTY: 0
  - MUNICIPAL: 0
  - AVAILABLE: 10

- Reported 2018 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI:
  - COUNTY: 0
  - MUNICIPAL: 0
  - AVAILABLE: 12

SCORE: 0 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.

- Leadership’s Public Position on LGBTQ Equality:
  - COUNTY: 0
  - MUNICIPAL: 2
  - AVAILABLE: 5

- Leadership’s Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts:
  - COUNTY: 0
  - MUNICIPAL: 0
  - AVAILABLE: 3

SCORE: 2 out of 8

FLEX:
- Openly LGBTQ Elected or Appointed Leaders:
  - COUNTY: +0
  - MUNICIPAL: +0
  - AVAILABLE: +2

- City Tests Limits of Restrictive State Law:
  - COUNTY: +0
  - MUNICIPAL: +0
  - AVAILABLE: +3

TOTAL SCORE 16 + TOTAL FLEX 0 = Final Score 16
CANNOT EXCEED 100

PTS FOR SEXUAL ORIENTATION — PTS FOR GENDER IDENTITY

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

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