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I. Non-Discrimination	Laws	STATE	COUNTY	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	4 4	5 5	5 5
	Housing	5 5	5 5	5 5
	Public Accommodations	5 5	5 5	5 5
	SCORE			30 out of 30
	FLEX Single-Occupancy All-Gender Facilities	+0	+0	+2
	FLEX Protects Youth from Conversion Therapy	+2	+0	+2
II. Municipality as Employer			COUNTY	AVAILABLE
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.	Non-Discrimination in City Employment		7 7	77
	Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits		6	6
	City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance		0 0	3 3
	Inclusive Workplace		0	2
	SCORE			20 out of 28
	FLEX City Employee Domestic Partner Benefits		+0	+1
III. Municipal Services	S		COUNTY	AVAILABLE
This section assesses the efforts of the city to ensure LGBTQ constituents are included in city services and programs.	Human Rights Commission		5	5
	NDO Enforcement by Human Rights Commission		(2)	(2)
	LGBTQ Liaison to City Executive's Office		0	5
	SCORE			7 out of 12
	FLEX Youth Bullying Prevention Policy for City Services		+0+0	+1 +1
			+0+0	+2
	City Services			+2
	City Services FLEX City Provides Services to LGBTQ Youth FLEX City Provides Services to LGBTQ		+0	+2 +2 +2
	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		+0	+1 +1 +2 +2 +2 +2

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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 Reported 2018 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI SCORE 22 out of 22

V. Leadership on LG	BTQ Equality	COUNTY	AVAILABLE
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	(2)	(5)
	Leadership's Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy- Efforts	1	3
	SCORE		3 out of 8
	FLEX Openly LGBTQ Elected or Appointed Municipal Leaders	+0	+2
	FLEX City Tests Limits of Restrictive State Law	+0	+3

TOTAL SCORE 82 + TOTAL FLEX 4 = Final Score **86**

CANNOT EXCEED 100

PTS FOR SEXUAL ORIENTATION -





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

All cities rated were provided their scorecard in advance of publication and given the opportunity to submit revisions. For feedback regarding a particular city's scorecard, please email **mei@hrc.org**.