

## **WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA 1/2**

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## Non-Discrimination Laws\*\* STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL AVAILABLE This category evaluates whether Employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity is Housing prohibited by the city, county, or state in areas of employment, housing, and public accommodations. Public Accommodations **SCORE 30** out of 30 FLEX Single-Occupancy All-Gender Facilities **FLEX** Protects Youth from Conversion Therapy II. Municipality as Employer COUNTY MUNICIPAL AVAILABLE By offering equivalent benefits and Non-Discrimination in City Employment protections to LGBTQ employees, awarding contracts to fair-minded businesses, and Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits taking steps to ensure an inclusive workplace, municipalities commit themselves to treating City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance LGBTQ employees equally. Inclusive Workplace **2** out of 28 **SCORE FLEX** City Employee Domestic Partner Benefits III. Municipal Services COUNTY CITY **AVAILABLE** This section assesses the efforts of the city Human Rights Commission to ensure LGBTQ constituents are included in city services and programs. NDO Enforcement by Human Rights Commission LGBTO Liaison in City Executive's Office **SCORE** 0 out of 12 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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**12** out of 22

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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.

V. Leadership on LGBTQ Equality

**SCORE** 

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		0	0	(5)
Leadership's Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts		0	0	3
SCORE		<b>0</b> out of 8		
FLEX	Openly LGBTQ Elected or Appointed Leaders	+0	+0	+2
FLEX	City Tests Limits of Restrictive State Law	+0	+0	+3

TOTAL SCORE 44 + TOTAL FLEX 0 = Final Score **44** 

**CANNOT EXCEED 100** 

PTS FOR SEXUAL ORIENTATION -



PTS FOR GENDER IDENTITY



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

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CITY SELECTION, CRITERIA OR THE MEI SCORING SYSTEM, PLEASE VISIT HRC.ORG/MEI.

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**.

<sup>\*\*</sup> On June 15, 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia* that sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination are prohibited under federal sex-based employment protections. Nevertheless, it is imperative that localities continue enacting explicitly LGBTQ-inclusive comprehensive non-discrimination laws since it will likely take additional litigation for Bostock to be fully applied to all sex-based protections under existing federal civil rights law. Moreover, federal law currently lacks sex-based protections in numerous key areas of life, including public spaces and services. Lastly, there are many invaluable benefits to localizing inclusive protections even when they exist on higher levels of government. For these reasons, the MEI will continue to only award credit in Part I for state, county, or municipal non-discrimination laws that expressly include sexual orientation and gender identity.