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.

### Employment
- Full non-discrimination protections
- Protects against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

### Housing
- Full non-discrimination protections
- Protects against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

### Public Accommodations
- Full non-discrimination protections
- Protects against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

#### Score
- **30 out of 30**

#### Flex
- Single-Occupancy All-Gender Facilities
- +0
- Protects Youth from Conversion Therapy
- +0

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.

### Non-Discrimination in City Employment
- Full non-discrimination protections
- Protects against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

### Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits
- Full non-discrimination protections
- Protects against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

### City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance
- Full non-discrimination protections
- Protects against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

### Inclusive Workplace
- Full non-discrimination protections
- Protects against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

#### Score
- **20 out of 28**

#### Flex
- City Employee Domestic Partner Benefits
- +1

III.  Municipal Services

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

### Human Rights Commission
- 5

### NDO Enforcement by Human Rights Commission
- 2

### LGBTQ+ Liaison to City Executive’s Office
- 5

#### Score
- **10 out of 12**

#### Flex
- Youth Bullying Prevention Policy for City Services
- +1

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.

### LGBT+ Liaison/Task Force in Police Department

- City Provides Services to the Transgender Community
- +1

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
- 5

### Leadership’s Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy-Efforts
- 5

#### Score
- **8 out of 8**

#### Flex
- City Tests Limits of Restrictive State Law
- +0

**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 localized 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.**

**PTS FOR SEXUAL ORIENTATION FLEX PTS for criteria not accessible to all cities at this time.**

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**CANNOT EXCEED 100**

TOTAL SCORE 80 + TOTAL FLEX SCORE 5 = Final Score 85