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

Housing

Public Accommodations

SCORE 10 out of 30

FLEX Single-Occupancy All-Gender Facilities

FLEX Protects Youth from Conversion Therapy

COUNTY MUNICIPAL AVAILABLE

II. Municipality as Employer
By offering equivalent benefits and protections to LGBT+ employees, awarding contracts to fair-minded businesses, and taking steps to ensure an inclusive workplace, municipalities commit themselves to treating LGBT+ employees equally.

Non-Discrimination in City Employment

Transgender-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits

City Contractor Non-Discrimination Ordinance

Inclusive Workplace

SCORE 16 out of 28

FLEX City Employee Domestic Partner Benefits

III. Municipal Services
This section assesses the efforts of the city to ensure LGBT+ residents are included in city services and programs.

Human Rights Commission

NDN Enforcement by Human Rights Commission

LGBT+ Liaison in City Executive’s Office

SCORE 12 out of 12

FLEX Youth Bullying Prevention Policy for City Services

FLEX City Provides Services to LGBT+ Youth

FLEX City Provides Services to LGBT+ People Experiencing Homelessness

FLEX City Provides Services to LGBT+ Older Adults

FLEX City Provides Services to People Living with HIV or AIDS

FLEX City Provides Services to the Transgender Community

IV. Law Enforcement
Fair enforcement of the law includes responsible reporting of hate crimes and engaging with the LGBT+ community in a thoughtful and respectful way.

LGBT+ Liaison/Task Force in Police Department

Reported 2020 Hate Crimes Statistics to the FBI

SCORE 22 out of 22

FLEX Openly LGBT+ Elected or Appointed Leaders

FLEX City Tests Limits of Restrictive State Law

V. Leadership on LGBT+ Equality
This category measures the city leadership’s commitment to fully include the LGBT+ community and to advocate for full equality.

Leadership’s Public Position on LGBT+ Equality

Leadership’s Pro-Equality Legislative or Policy Efforts

SCORE 6 out of 8

FLEX City Provides Services to Older Adults

FLEX City Provides Services to People Experiencing Homelessness

** 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 LGBT+-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.

TOTAL SCORE 66 + TOTAL FLEX SCORE 11 = Final Score 77
CANNOT EXCEED 100

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