University of South Carolina Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life Membership Card

Personal Information:

Full Name:_____

Fraternity/Sorority Affiliation:_____

Semester/Year Joined (i.e., "Fall 2019"):_____

USC ID (Banner ID#):_____

USC E-mail Address:_____@email.sc.edu

Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name:_____

Nature of Relationship:_____

Phone Number:_____

Consent for Academic and Conduct Record Release:

The University of South Carolina (USC) complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) to protect students' educational records from unauthorized disclosure. In order to participate as a member of a fraternity or sorority at USC, I understand that it may be necessary for USC officials to share certain personally identifiable information, including my enrollment status, my grade point averages, and any conduct matters or academic integrity in which I am accused or otherwise involved, and I consent to such disclosure to the following entities:

- Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life staff
- Chapter President
- Chapter Advisor
- Inter/national Headquarters Staff

By signing below I agree to the release of my information for the following reasons: verifying eligibility for rush/recruitment/intake and continued membership, awards recognition, verifying eligibility for officer roles, verifying eligibility for Honor Society membership, and notification of any conduct or academic integrity matters which maybe a matter of health and safety. I understand that this wavier will be in effect until the conclusion of my enrollment at the University of South Carolina or the termination of my membership with affiliating chapter.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

University of South Carolina's Anti-Hazing Pledge for Fraternities and Sororities

On February 20, 2015, the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees passed a resolution that recognized the troubling behaviors of hazing that occurs on college and university campuses across the United States and the risk of emotional and physical harm to students. The Board reaffirmed that hazing is against state law and University policy and inconsistent with the Carolinian Creed and the values and the campus community standards of the University of South Carolina and its system campuses. In addition, the Board fully supports the University's continuing efforts to protect its students by eliminating hazing and holding accountable those individuals who engage in such deplorable behavior.

Please read and sign that you understand and will adhere to the following policy as a student at the University of South Carolina and as member of the Carolinian community:

- All students must comply with the South Carolina state law regarding Hazing (S.C. Code of Laws section 16-3-510.
- No organization or its initiated or uninitiated members registered or otherwise, officially or in fact, may participate in the activity of hazing. Hazing is any activity undertaken by a group or organization or a member of that group or organization in which members or prospective or uninitiated members are subjected to activities which harass, intimidate, physically exhaust, impart pain, cause undue mental fatigue or mental distress, emotional distress or engages in any conduct which presents a threat to the student's health or safety, or which cause mutilation or alteration of the body or parts of the body, which shall include but are not limited to brutality of a physical nature such as whipping, beating, branding, exposure to elements.
- Such activities include but are not limited to, tests of endurance, personal servitude activities such as driving and running errands, submission of members or prospective members to potentially dangerous or hazardous circumstances, activities which have a foreseeable potential for resulting in personal injury, or any activity which by its nature is so profound that it would have a potential to cause severe mental anxiety, mental distress, emotional distress, panic, degradation, interference with a student's academic progress or performance or public embarrassment.
- Registered organizations and groups shall be permitted certain initiation ceremonies and activities, which when examined by the ordinary University student, would seem reasonable under the circumstances, and justified in view of the purpose for which they are conducted.

It shall not constitute a defense to the charge of hazing that the participants took part voluntarily, gave consent to the conduct, that they voluntarily assumed the risks or hardship of the activity, that the conduct was not part of an official organizational event or sanctioned or approved by the organization, that the conduct was not done as a condition of membership in the organization or that no injury in fact was suffered. Students found responsible for hazing face suspension from the University.

An individual is responsible for hazing if he or she personally takes or contributes to the actions described in this section or if they know hazing will occur or is occurring and does nothing to stop and report it to the appropriate University and legal authorities.

Retaliation against any individual who reported a hazing violation or suspected hazing violations to the University or law enforcement official would be considered a violation against University policy.

To initiate a complaint for alleged hazing, contact USCPD (803-777-4215), submit an Incident report through the Office of Student Conduct or call the Hazing Hotline (803-777-5800).

I have read the above statement and sign that I have read and will adhere to the policy and guidelines outlined above. Please contact the appropriate office collecting this form if you would like a copy of the signed document for your records.

Signature: _____ Date: _____