

**2019 University of Nevada, Reno  
Relationship Agreement for the Recognition  
of Social Fraternities and Sororities**

**I. Introduction**

Fraternities and sororities have been an influential and important component of the undergraduate student experience at the University of Nevada, Reno since the first fraternity was chartered on campus in 1913. This Agreement serves as a commitment by the University to support the fraternity and sorority community as it continues to enhance the quality of student life by making a significant contribution to present and future student generations. Likewise it serves as a commitment by fraternity and sorority chapters, as well as the University, to adhere to the conditions set forth.

This Agreement affirms the relationship between the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education on behalf of the University of Nevada, Reno (the “University”), its recognized chapters/colonies, and their respective inter/national organizations. When fraternities and sororities function in accordance with their stated missions and values, the entire University community receives positive benefits from their student leadership, involvement, service, and the various positive developmental benefits from individual members.

That being said, fraternities and sororities are legal corporations, existing independently and externally from the University. They are financially independent and are responsible for the operation and management of their own financial accounts. Their chapter alumni, international corporations, and national and regional organizations are also incorporated separately from the University and exist independently and externally from the University.

**II. Rights of Recognition**

The University only recognizes fraternities and sororities that are affiliated with an inter/national organization. No local social fraternities or sororities will be recognized.

Recognition accords fraternities and sororities all the rights, privileges and resources available under this Agreement, as follows:

1. Access to create and maintain a “Fraternity and Sorority Life” marketing strategy on campus.
2. Support from the Fraternity and Sorority Life Advisors to support and maintain the Fraternity and Sorority Life website.
3. Use of University’s Administration and programming resources; facilities for official chapter functions; and the official name and logos when approved in writing by the University.
4. Participation in an official membership recruitment program as promoted and monitored by each governing council, and participation in the educational, social, and recreational programs and activities of the University which are provided for fraternities and sororities, including educational programs/training on risk management for those chapters operating residences.
5. Access to University Alumni Relations to identify and communicate with individual chapter alumni.
6. Training and support to alumni advisors on University policies, procedures, and fraternity and sorority advisement.
7. Access to leadership training, educational programs, and participation in the Fraternity and Sorority Leadership Training Retreat. Two (2) Fraternity and Sorority Leadership Retreats will be offered each year, with one (1) offered each semester, to address the leadership transition schedules of all fraternity and sorority chapters.

8. In the case of probationary status and suspended recognition, assistance of the Associate Vice President for Student Life Services in developing a corrective course of action for the chapter in conjunction with the inter/national organization.

### **III. Responsibilities of the University**

The University shall commit to the following for all fraternities and sororities that are recognized by this Relationship Agreement. These responsibilities also extend to their alumni and inter/national organizations:

1. Adherence to the NSHE Non-Discrimination Policy.
2. Provide for the advisement of all fraternities and sororities as the primary contact and liaison between collegiate members of fraternities and sororities, the Interfraternity Council (IFC), the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), the Panhellenic Council (PHC), and the faculty and staff of the University. When a search occurs for the University advisor position, the University will include at a minimum one (1) delegate from each council in the search process of the advisor position.
3. Recognize the governance of the IFC, MGC, and PHC, and provide training for officers of these organizations by providing transition meetings, retreats, and other trainings.
4. Provide assistance in marketing Fraternity and Sorority Life to prospective and incoming University students by (a) allowing University mailing/printing rates for all governing councils, with each respective councils' member chapters being provided access to these mailing/printing rates; and (b) participating in New Student Orientation in order to promote membership in fraternities and sororities.
5. After having received written authorization from students, provide updated scholastic information for officially enrolled University students for use in determining membership eligibility within a twenty-four (24) hour turn-around time during recruitment and intake. When requested, provide contact information for college students with a GPA over 3.0 for recruitment purposes.
6. Communicate with the inter/national sponsoring fraternity or sorority, alumni advisory board, and/or local sponsoring corporation board regarding the status of the chapter on campus.
7. Promote open communication among the University fraternity and sorority chapters, local alumni, and inter/national organizations. A Student Services Representative who works directly with Fraternity and Sorority Life shall meet with the student leaders of the IFC, MGC, and PHC on a regular basis. The Associate Vice President or designee will visit with fraternity and sorority Chapter Presidents at a minimum of two (2) of the Fraternity and Sorority Presidents' Roundtables each year. Additionally, the council advisor(s) will attend the Fraternity and Sorority Presidents' Roundtable meetings throughout the year to maintain communication and understanding of fraternities' and sororities' activities and needs. Advance notice of these meetings will be sent to all presidents.
8. Upon a chapter's request, provide support for chapter development activities, including providing an evaluation of individual chapter progress for the chapter's members, alumni board, and inter/national offices.
9. Chapter membership on a Council (IFC, MGC, PHC) will be determined between the chapter, the Council, and the University, with the chapter's preference for alignment supported whenever possible and when it falls within the guidelines of the respective umbrella organization. Should a chapter lose its respective council recognition, the University has the right, but not the obligation, to remove that chapter's University recognition.
10. The University will allow, but not guarantee, fraternities and sororities access to campus resources for use on their chapter premises.
11. The University will allow any/all fraternity and sorority financial accounts to operate independently from the ASUN student organization financial accounts.

12. Provide guidance, assistance, and leadership in planning and executing large programmed events, such as the Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards process.
13. Support the agreements of the following national organizations: National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), National Asian Pacific Islander American Panhellenic Association (NAPA), National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO), and the National Pan-Hellenic Conference (NPHC).
14. Provide scholastic/GPA report for members of respective chapters, as well as chapter GPA for each recognized chapter, and the all-campus averages. Reports will be contingent upon confirmation of chapter roster as stated by the roster update policy and having received written documentation from students allowing the release of their GPAs. Reports will be released by the first day of the Spring semester for the Fall semester and by two (2) weeks following the final posting of grades for Spring semester.
15. Sponsor only those activities that do not allow or encourage alcohol abuse, illegal drug use, sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual violence, dating violence, stalking, domestic violence, hazing, or illegal activity.
16. The University will host at least one (1) Sexual Misconduct Prevention Educational Session per semester with a minimum two (2) weeks' prior notice to the session.

#### **IV. Responsibilities of the Fraternities and Sororities**

In return for recognition, fraternity and sorority chapters shall:

1. Maintain single-sex membership, based upon the provisions of Section 86.14 of the regulations of Title IX of the U.S. Educational Act Amendments of 1972.
2. Not discriminate in membership selection, as well as other programs and activities, based on age, genetic information, military status, race, national origin, religion, color, disability and sexual orientation.
3. Adherence to the NSHE Non-Discrimination Policy.
4. Sponsor only those activities that do not allow or encourage alcohol abuse, illegal drug use, sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual violence, dating violence, stalking, domestic violence, or illegal activity.
5. Contribute to the advancement of scholarship through the maintenance of a scholarship program for members. The fraternities and sororities will establish and maintain minimum grade point standards for officers and membership, while maintaining a group membership GPA of 2.5 or higher. Should a chapter not maintain a group GPA of a 2.5 or higher, that group will be placed on academic probation.
  - a. Academic Probation: When a chapter fails to meet the minimum standard for fraternities and sororities.
    - i. First Semester: Chapter will be required to submit an academic improvement plan and meet with a Fraternity and Sorority Life Advisor monthly to ensure implementation. If a chapter does not have a faculty advisor, it is required to identify a faculty advisor before the first day of class of the semester or one (1) week from the release of the grade reports, whichever is the latter.
    - ii. Second Consecutive Semester: Continued academic probation, loss of social privileges, alcohol-free chapter facility (if applicable) and the chapter will be required to submit an enhanced academic improvement plan.
    - iii. Third Consecutive Semester: Review of Chapter status by Associate Vice President for Student Life Services and Fraternity and Sorority Life Advisors to determine chapter standing, which could result in termination of the Agreement.

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6. All new members will sign a release to provide access to the University to verify grades and enrollment and to compile reports. Releases will also be signed by any potential new member whose academic records need to be verified for recruitment purposes.
7. Each member of fraternities and sororities must be enrolled in at least twelve (12) credits each Fall and Spring semester at the University of Nevada, Reno. The University may make exceptions for any student upon request prior to the beginning of each semester. A maximum of three (3) credits taken during the University's summer session may count towards a member's Fall semester credit load, while a maximum of three (3) credits taken during the University's "wintermester" session may count towards a member's Spring semester credit load.
8. Provide continuing opportunities for its members to develop social, intellectual, and leadership skills through participation in the activities of the sorority or fraternity, the individual councils, and the University.
9. Provide the Associate Vice President for Student Life Services or designee with a complete, accurate roster of all collegiate and new members, including student ID numbers, by September 15<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup> each year or within five (5) working days of a new member's affiliation with the undergraduate chapter.
10. Provide the Associate Vice President for Student Life Services or designee with contact information for each of its executive officers by September 1<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> each year, and within five (5) working days following a change in leadership.
11. Provide the Associate Vice President for Student Life Services or designee with a complete, accurate roster and contact information for all fraternity and sorority members living in the chapter residence each semester by the established University deadline, and update as needed. Residents living in fraternity and sorority housing during the academic year must be members of the respective fraternity or sorority and included on the roster, except in cases when the resident is a House Director or Cook. This information will only be released to relevant University officials, inter/national headquarters' staffs, housing corporations, advisors, and, in the event of an emergency, law enforcement and/or public safety emergency personnel.
12. Each fraternity or sorority will maintain a complete advisory board consisting of at least three (3) persons. Each fraternity and sorority will provide the Associate Vice President for Student Life Services or designee with contact information for each of its advisors by September 1<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. An exception to this three-member requirement for the advisory board may be approved by the Associate Vice President for Student Life Services.
13. Each fraternity or sorority will provide the Associate Vice President for Student Life Services or designee with contact information for their house corporation president (if applicable) by September 1<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
14. Each fraternity or sorority that maintains a chapter facility must have a live-in advisor prior to the 2020 calendar year. Contact information for this individual must be provided to the Associate Vice President for Student Life Services or designee by September 1<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
  - a. A live-in advisor is an individual, selected by the organization, who lives in the chapter facility and can assist with a variety of tasks dependent upon the individual, housed chapter's needs.
  - b. The purpose of having a live-in advisor for each facility is to ensure that a responsible, non-undergraduate person of authority is present to assist collegiate chapter members with accountability and upkeep of the facility.
  - c. Undergraduate chapter members are not eligible to fulfill this role. The live-in advisor shall live in the facility during the academic year and can be a graduate student, alumnus/alumna of the chapter, who is two (2) years removed from their undergraduate experience, or a traditional house director.

15. All IFC, MGC, and PHC officers, as well as chapter presidents (or a designated alternate representative with prior written University approval), will attend mandatory leadership training seminars (specifically for officer transitions) as they are provided by the University administration with at a minimum, two (2) weeks' prior notice to the session(s).
16. Chapter presidents will participate in monthly president roundtable meetings during the academic year. University advisors are welcomed to attend these meetings.
17. The Chapter may be subject to University sanctions for an individual member's violation of this Agreement insofar as the violation is related to a recognized "chapter activity". A "chapter activity" is defined as an activity that occurs on chapter premises or a fraternity or sorority event sponsored or endorsed by the chapter.
18. Each fraternity and sorority will not host, attend, or participate in chapter activities with any student organization or club that is not recognized by the University.
19. Comply with all standards of conduct as stated in the *University Student Code of Conduct*.
20. Promote and adhere to all policies of the University of Nevada, Reno. In particular, fraternities and sororities shall familiarize themselves with the following policies located in the Student Code of Conduct:
  - a. Hazing
  - b. Substance Abuse Regulations
  - c. Alcohol Beverage Policy Sexual Assault
  - d. NSHE Policy Against Discrimination and Sexual Harassment: Complaint Procedure
21. Each fraternity or sorority must submit a comprehensive report outlining incidents or conduct involving individual chapter members managed by the chapter's internal standards board or process using the 'Chapter Standards/Judicial Report Form' available under *Policies and Forms* at <https://www.unr.edu/fraternity-and-sorority-life/policies-and-forms> by the final day of classes each semester.
  - a. The purpose of the report is for information and data collection, allowing the institution to provide fraternities and sororities with applicable prevention programming and to support individual chapter peer accountability practices.
  - b. Fraternities and sororities shall not be required to list specific names of members when submitting this report, with the exception of any reported incident or conduct violation that includes allegations of sexual assault or that includes allegations of bodily injury or death against a member.
22. Each chapter shall host/attend at least one (1) University approved Sexual Misconduct Educational Prevention Session per year with a minimum seventy-five percent (75%) of their chapter in attendance.
23. Each chapter shall submit a comprehensive recruitment and new member education or membership intake plan to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority by the first day of each semester.
  - a. Fraternity and sorority recruitment and new member education or intake processes must be positive, educational, and developmental for all involved.
  - b. All recruitment and new member education or intake activities must be alcohol-free, marijuana-free, and other illegal substance-free.
  - c. New member education or intake activities must not exceed ten (10) weeks and must conclude by the last day of classes each semester, including, but not limited to initiation and new member presentations.
  - d. New member education or intake activities should not interfere with academic endeavors or class schedules and must not occur between the hours of 12am and 8am.
  - e. Fraternities and sororities hosting new member presentations must present their respective new members within ten (10) days of initiation, pinning, crossing, or by the last day of classes each semester, whichever comes first.

- f. Fraternities and sororities hosting new member presentations must provide the Associate Vice President for Student Life Services or designee a copy of the organization's inter/national policy regarding new member presentations prior to planning the event.
24. Each fraternity and sorority must register chapter activities hosted at off-campus locations using the required form with the Fraternity and Sorority Life Event Advisory Board at least two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled event. The Fraternity and Sorority Life Event Advisory Board, comprised of undergraduate chapter members and a Fraternity and Sorority Life Advisor, will review the event request and, if applicable, meet with designated chapter leaders at least one (1) week prior to the event to discuss risk management and event logistics.
25. All fraternities and sororities must also provide a copy of a specific endorsement form that states The Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education is an additional insured entity under their general liability insurance policy.
  - a. Minimum limits required:
    - \$2,000,000 General Aggregate
    - \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
  - b. Coverage shall be on an occurrence basis and shall be at least as broad as ISO 1996 form Commercial General Liability.
  - c. Additional Insured: The Nevada System of Higher Education on behalf of the University of Nevada, Reno shall be named as an additional insured entity for all liability arising from the agreement related to the insured's activities and shall be added to the insurance policy as an "additional insured" via an endorsement. Blanket endorsements must be identified by reference number on the insurance certificate and a copy of the endorsement attached to the certificate. Insurance certificates and related endorsements shall be sent to UNR Risk Manager; 70 Artemisia Way, MS 0241, Reno, NV 89557. (Phone: 775-682-6107; Fax: 775-784-4363).
26. Each fraternity and sorority must track all philanthropic and service efforts using the university's GivePulse software (<http://unr.givepulse.com>). All impacts must be submitted and verified by the last day of classes each semester in order to be included in official information reported by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and the Fraternity and Sorority Life annual awards process.

## **V. Responsibilities of Alumni and Inter/National Organizations**

The University recognizes the important role played by sorority and fraternity alumni, as well as the inter/national organizations. Supporting the operations of a local chapter is multi-faceted and collaboration among the inter/national organization, alumni, the University, and the chapter is crucial. Alumni and inter/national officers can expect open communication and cooperation from University officials. Inter/national organizations and alumni will:

1. Support the chapter's compliance with the conditions of recognition by the University.
2. Assist and support the chapter as an independent entity in the management of its housing-related finances and the maintenance of financial solvency.
3. Communicate through meetings with the fraternity and sorority advisement staff at least annually and on an "as-needed basis", to discuss the chapter's performance and progress.
4. Assist the University in the resolution of problems relating to the performance and conduct of the chapter and its members.

## **VI. Term of this Agreement**

This agreement is effective for one (1) calendar year from the date of the last signature of a party to the Agreement.

## **VII. Resolution of Failure to Uphold Agreement Related to Standards of Student Organizational Conduct**

1. Upon report to the respective Governing Council (IFC, MGC, and PHC) and Fraternity and Sorority Life Advisors, and based upon a finding that the fraternity or sorority violated the standards of student organizational conduct in the *Student Code of Conduct*, action may be taken in accordance with the University of Nevada, Reno *Student Code of Conduct*. [Please see the website for the Office of Student Conduct, - Section: *Student Code of Conduct*, Student Organizations - <http://www.unr.edu/student-conduct>]
2. In the event the University violates the terms of this agreement, a chapter has the right to a meeting with the Associate Vice President of Student Life in order to resolve the issue.
3. Either party reserves the right to suspend or terminate this Agreement for cause. In the event a fraternity or sorority suspends this Agreement, the University shall withdraw recognition of that fraternity or sorority. In the event the University suspends or terminates this Agreement as to a fraternity or sorority, the University shall no longer recognize that fraternity or sorority.
4. Upon report to the respective Governing Council and Fraternity and Sorority Life Advisors, and based upon a finding by a student conduct hearing that the fraternity or sorority violated the standards of student organizational conduct in the *Student Code of Conduct*, the chapter's recognition (as stated in this Agreement) may be terminated.

## **VIII. Administrative Complaints of the Relationship Agreement**

Complaints regarding alleged violations of the Relationship Agreement on the part of the University may be addressed with the Associate Vice President for Student Life, Student Services or designee.

Complaints regarding alleged violations of the Relationship Agreement on the part of a fraternity or sorority will be investigated by the University. Upon investigation of the complaint and a determination that the fraternity or sorority violated a material provision of the Agreement, a letter stating the violation and a recommended course of action for resolution of the violation or termination of the Agreement shall be provided to the chapter, alumni advisor, and inter/national organization.

## **IX. Document Review**

All chapters, governing Councils (IFC, MGC, and PHC), and the Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter may review the Relationship Agreement and conduct meetings with University representatives regarding the Agreement. Such meetings will take place every three (3) years, beginning no later than February 15<sup>th</sup> and ending no later than August 15<sup>th</sup> during designated review periods, unless there are extenuating circumstances as determined by the University in its sole discretion. Notification of meeting date/time should be communicated to all parties thirty (30) days prior to meeting with the University distributing red line copies within fourteen (14) days of a meeting. Suggested edits should be submitted, in writing (or email), to the Fraternity and Sorority Life Advisors one (1) week prior to the meeting. The University may have Legal Counsel attend one (1) of these meetings if legal questions arise.

## **X. Signature Document for Commitment & Recognition Process**

University recognition of fraternities and sororities is on a year to year basis. In order to be recognized by the University, designated representatives from the chapters' leadership must review and sign the Relationship Agreement each year for the following year. The chapters' alumni advisors, and a representative from the chapters' inter/national organization will receive the Agreement within thirty (30)

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days of the completion of the review as stated under Section IX, unless there are extenuating circumstances, and are asked to review the agreement and acknowledge review of the terms by November 15<sup>th</sup>. The Agreement will then be distributed by December 1<sup>st</sup> to the local chapters. The Agreement must be returned to the Associate Vice President for Student Life Services no later than the first day of the Spring Semester, unless the chapter has made special arrangements with the Associate Vice President for Student Life Services. Failure by a chapter to return a signed agreement by the required date will result in the loss of chapter recognition for the entirety of the Agreement period.

The Chapter President must notify the Associate Vice President for Student Life Services of any changes in officers/advisors who sign this Agreement and must have new officers/advisors sign within ten (10) business days of their election/selection. Recognition will be suspended if the Relationship Agreement is not returned signed in this manner. University recognition covers the period of the beginning of the Spring Semester through the end of Winter Break, unless otherwise specified.

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**University of Nevada, Reno  
Residence Based Alcohol Policy**

In support of inter/national policies, sound risk management activities, and support for local and state laws on alcoholic beverages, fraternities and sororities with chapter property shall follow this Residence-Based Alcohol Policy:

1. Persons who are not of legal drinking age are prohibited from possessing and/or consuming alcoholic beverages at any time.
2. Alcoholic beverages may be possessed and consumed on chapter property by any individual active chapter member of legal drinking age, in the privacy of a resident's room of legal drinking age, and in interior common areas.
3. Non-residents of legal drinking age who are not active members of the chapter are excluded from possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages on chapter property.
4. No social events held on fraternity or sorority property may involve the serving or consumption of alcoholic beverages, with the exception of alumni events. For these events, an alumni representative planning the event shall notify the Fraternity and Sorority Life Advisors of the date and time of the event at least one (1) week prior to the event taking place. For events hosted by the fraternity or sorority off of chapter property, alcohol may be served at events off chapter property (such as formal dances) with the use of a third party vendor. These events shall be managed by a partnership between the local chapter and the inter/national organization in accordance with risk management policies.
5. Fraternities and sororities are responsible for taking concerted measures to ensure that those who will be drinking alcohol at an off-campus event are of legal age to do so.
6. The University will provide an alcohol policy information session to fraternity and sorority leaders to explain the Residence Based Alcohol Policy as well as the *Student Code of Conduct* regulations related to underage alcohol use.
7. Chapters are also subject to the regulations of their inter/national organizations.

This Residence Based Alcohol Policy supports the standards of risk management addressed in the *University of Nevada, Reno, Alcoholic Beverage Policy for Student Groups and Organizations*, with alcoholic beverages not approved for events in which underage individuals will be present (see the *Student Code of Conduct* and Guidelines & Policies, at this website: <http://www.unr.edu/student-conduct>).

## **Appendices**

### **Policies and Procedures University of Nevada, Reno Student Code of Conduct**

Chapters shall review the Student Code of Conduct on an annual basis, to familiarize yourself and chapter with the designated rules. The *Student Code of Conduct* requires a number of procedures for hosting events.

#### **Student Code of Conduct**

##### **Section I: Student Code of Conduct (Authority)**

##### **Section II: Student Conduct Regulations & Policies**

##### **Section III: Options for Reporting & Confidentially Disclosing Sexual Violence**

##### **Section IV: Student Disciplinary Procedures**

##### **Appendix I: Definitions**

##### **Appendix II: Nevada Revised Statutes**

#### **Academic Standards Policy for Students**

#### **City and State Alcohol Codes and Policies:**

Listed below are relevant codes and policies related to alcohol, including Nevada Revised Statutes, Student Judicial Code Prohibited Conduct for Students and the University Policy for Sale and Service of Alcoholic Beverages at Events.

#### **Nevada Revised Statutes**

NRS 202.020 Purchase, consumption or possession of alcoholic beverage by minor; penalties; exceptions.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person under 21 years of age who purchases any alcoholic beverage or any such person who consumes any alcoholic beverage in any saloon, resort or premises where spirituous, malt or fermented liquors or wines are sold is guilty of a misdemeanor.
2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person under 21 years of age who, for any reason, possesses any alcoholic beverage in public is guilty of a misdemeanor.
3. A person under 21 years of age is not subject to the criminal penalty set forth in subsection 1 for consuming an alcoholic beverage or subsection 2 if the person requests emergency medical assistance for another person whom he or she reasonably believes is under 21 years of age if the person making the request:
  - (a) Reasonably believes that the person who consumed the alcohol is in need of such assistance because of the alcohol consumption;
  - (b) Is the first person to request emergency medical assistance for the person;
  - (c) Remains with the person until informed that his or her presence is no longer necessary by the emergency medical personnel who respond to the request for assistance for the person; and

(d) Cooperates with any provider of emergency medical assistance, any other health care provider who assists the person who may be in need of emergency medical assistance because of alcohol consumption and any law enforcement officer.

4. A person under 21 years of age for whom another person requests emergency medical assistance pursuant to subsection 3 is not subject to the criminal penalty set forth in subsection 1 for consuming an alcoholic beverage or subsection 2.

5. A person under 21 years of age is not subject to the criminal penalty set forth in subsection 1 for consuming an alcoholic beverage or subsection 2 if the person:

(a) Requests emergency medical assistance because he or she reasonably believes that he or she is in need of medical assistance because of alcohol consumption; and

(b) Cooperates with any provider of emergency medical assistance, any other health care provider who provides assistance to him or her and any law enforcement officer.

6. This section does not preclude a local governmental entity from enacting by ordinance an additional or broader restriction, except that any such ordinance must not conflict with the provisions of subsection 3, 4 or 5 or create criminal liability for a person to whom an exemption set forth in subsection 3, 4 or 5 applies.

7. For the purposes of this section, possession “in public” includes possession:

(a) On any street or highway;

(b) In any place open to the public; and

(c) In any private business establishment which is in effect open to the public.

8. The term does not include:

(a) Possession for an established religious purpose;

(b) Possession in the presence of the person’s parent, spouse or legal guardian who is 21 years of age or older;

(c) Possession in accordance with a prescription issued by a person statutorily authorized to issue prescriptions;

(d) Possession in private clubs or private establishments; or

(e) The selling, handling, serving or transporting of alcoholic beverages by a person in the course of his or her lawful employment by a licensed manufacturer, wholesaler or retailer of alcoholic beverages.

[1:272:1947; 1943 NCL § 10594.02] — (NRS A 1967, 482; 1987, 482; 2015, 1450)

NRS 202.040 False representation by minor to obtain intoxicating liquor.

Every minor who shall falsely represent himself or herself to be 21 years of age in order to obtain any intoxicating liquor shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

[Part 1911 C&P § 241; A 1925, 212; NCL § 10188]

NRS 202.055 Sale or furnishing of alcoholic beverage to minor; aiding minor to purchase or procure alcoholic beverage; policy to prevent minor from obtaining alcoholic beverage through use of Internet.

1. Every person who knowingly:

(a) Sells, gives or otherwise furnishes an alcoholic beverage to any person under 21 years of age;

(b) Leaves or deposits any alcoholic beverage in any place with the intent that it will be procured by any person under 21 years of age; or

(c) Furnishes, gives, or causes to be given any money or thing of value to any person under 21 years of age with the knowledge that the money or thing of value is to be used by the person under 21 years of age to purchase or procure any alcoholic beverage, □□□□□□□□□□

2. Paragraph (a) of subsection 1 does not apply to a parent, guardian or physician of the person under 21 years of age.

3. Every person who sells, gives or otherwise furnishes alcoholic beverages through the use of the Internet shall adopt a policy to prevent a person under 21 years of age from obtaining an alcoholic beverage from the person through the use of the Internet. The policy must include, without limitation, a method for ensuring that the person who delivers the alcoholic beverages obtains the signature of a person who is over the age of 21 years when delivering the beverages and that the packaging or wrapping of the alcoholic beverages when they are shipped is clearly marked with words that describe the alcoholic beverages. A person who fails to adopt a policy pursuant to this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.

(Added to NRS by 1967, 482; A 1969, 22; 1987, 482; 2001, 2788)

### **University of Nevada, Reno Hazing and Initiation Policy**

The University of Nevada, Reno requires all members of recognized student organizations, including fraternities and sororities, to comply with state law, University and system policies, and international/national fraternal policies regarding the prohibition of hazing.

### **Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS 200.605)**

NRS 200.605 Penalties; definition.

1. A person who engages in hazing is guilty of:
  - (a) A misdemeanor, if no substantial bodily harm results.
  - (b) A gross misdemeanor, if substantial bodily harm results.
2. Consent of a victim of hazing is not a valid defense to a prosecution conducted pursuant to this section.
3. For the purposes of this section, an activity shall be deemed to be “forced” if initiation into or affiliation with a student organization, academic association or athletic team is directly or indirectly conditioned upon participation in the activity.
4. As used in this section, “hazing” means an activity in which a person intentionally or recklessly endangers the physical health of another person for the purpose of initiation into or affiliation with a student organization, academic association or athletic team at a high school, college or university in this state. The term:
  - (a) Includes, without limitation, any physical brutality or brutal treatment, including, without limitation, whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements or forced consumption of food, liquor, drugs or other substances.
  - (b) Does not include any athletic, curricular, extracurricular or quasi-military practice, conditioning or competition that is sponsored or approved by the high school, college or university.

(Added to NRS by 1999, 1065)

### **[NSHE and University of Nevada, Reno Hazing Policy](#)**