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Furthermore, hazing is a violation of Chapter 164 of Kentucky Revised Statutes, in pertinent part, the statute reads as follows:

"This statute prohibits any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers mental or physical health or involves the forced consumption of liquor or drugs for the purpose of initiation into or affiliation with any organization...in the case of a student or faculty violator his suspension, expulsion or other appropriate disciplinary action and, in the case of an organization which authorizes such conduct, rescission of permission for that organization to operate on campus property. Such penalties shall be in addition to any penalty pursuant to the penal law or any other chapter to which a violator or organization may be subject."

Specifically, on the campus of Murray State University, hazing is defined as any on-campus or off-campus activity which results in mental or physical harassment, humiliation, degradation, ridicule, shock, endangerment, physical disfigurement, excessive fatigue, danger to health or the involuntary consumption of alcohol or drugs.

This prohibition against hazing applies equally to student organizations, individual students, and faculty and staff members, visitors to the campus, and licensees and invitees on the campus.

Any student who participates in hazing as defined above has violated the Murray State University Code of Conduct and will be subject to disciplinary action as described in the Standard in Disciplinary Proceedings of the Student Life policies.

My signature indicates that I have read this document and understand that I should not participate in any hazing activities and should report any hazing activities to the Office of Student Affairs.

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