

Fraternity/Sorority Housing Recognition

Philosophy

Fort Hays State University recognizes that living in a fraternity or sorority house can be a meaningful part of membership in these organizations. These facilities can provide a positive living/learning environment, provide a sense of community and allow for the creation of memories; among other benefits. To ensure the chapter houses provide a safe and constructive environment, the following procedure has been developed to recognize chapter facilities.

Benefits of Recognition

Fraternity and sorority houses which are recognized by the university qualify for special treatment from the department of Residential Life to release members from his or her housing contract. The number of members released from his/her contract at no charge will be determined by the current agreement with Residential Life. Chapters with recognized facilities are also able to hold events at those locations.

Recognition Process

Any fraternity or sorority that has a chapter house and wishes to be officially recognized by the university must complete a Housing Recognition Application annually.

The application will require the following from each chapter:

- Address of chapter facility
- Roster of students living in chapter facility
- Undergraduate point of contact for chapter facility
- Advisor or Landlord point of contact for chapter facility
- Proof of Liability Insurance, including:
 - Minimum \$1,000,000 combined for bodily injury and property damage
 - Policy must name Fort Hays State University as an additional insured and the certificate must state that the insurance coverage is primary over other collectable insurance.
- Proof of fire and safety inspection from the Hays Fire Department.

The application must be turned in by the 20th academic day each academic year.

Limitations

Fort Hays State University does not inspect the premises of fraternities or sororities to ensure compliance with the law or with FHSU policies and rules. Fraternity and sorority leadership and their local and national chapters remain solely responsible for all legal and contractual requirements for the operation, physical condition, maintenance, safety and security of their properties, and for their personal conduct and the conduct of their members. Further, although each organization has an advisor who is a faculty or staff member, neither that person nor any other FHSU employee provides supervision over the fraternity/sorority day-to-day activities. This differs from a residence hall, which provides on-site staff to enforce policies and to provide assistance to residents.

Responsible Office

Center for Student Involvement

Responsible University Official

Coordinator of Student Involvement and Greek Life

History

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