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Portage Manor Emphasizes No Trespassing Policy to Ensure Safety

South Bend, IN – Portage Manor, the recently closed St. Joseph County residential care facility, is reinforcing its commitment to maintaining a safe environment on its property. To ensure the security of the property, Portage Manor hereby emphasizes its "No Trespassing" policy, effective immediately.

The "No Trespassing" policy is established to protect the security of the building and the safety of all individuals that must work on premises now that the facility has closed. It is imperative that all members of the public respect and adhere to this policy to maintain safety.

Portage Manor's "No Trespassing" policy includes the following key points:

1. **Access Restricted to Authorized Personnel:** The property is intended for the exclusive use of designated St. Joseph County employees. Uninvited individuals are prohibited from entering the premises without proper authorization.
2. **Clearly Marked Boundaries:** The boundaries of Portage Manor's property are clearly marked with appropriate signs and fences to indicate the private nature of the premises.
3. **Legal Action Against Trespassers:** St. Joseph County takes trespassing seriously and will take legal action against anyone who violates the "No Trespassing" policy. This includes potential criminal charges and civil lawsuits to enforce property rights and protect residents' safety.
4. **Cooperation with Local Authorities:** St. Joseph County will work closely with local law enforcement agencies to address any trespassing incidents promptly and effectively.

Portage Manor urges all community members, neighboring residents, and the general public to respect the "No Trespassing" policy and refrain from entering the property without proper authorization.

The management of Portage Manor extends its appreciation to the community for its cooperation in maintaining the integrity of the property and upholding the safety of the premises.

The St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners will also be holding a public auction to sell the personal property within the facility in the near future. The auction will be advertised, and the public will be invited onto the property for the limited purpose of the auction.

For any questions or concerns regarding the "No Trespassing" policy, please contact:
The St. Joseph County Commissioners Office at (574) 235-9536