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Temporary tent like structures and lean-tos in city parks and on sidewalks represent a suboptimal solution to a tragic problem. Nevertheless, the availability and permission to exist in this way has to come with some degree of responsibility and stewardship. If a tent dweller lives in squalor and has garbage and waste in and around the tent, that is not acceptable and the dwelling must be removed. But if such dweller places trash in appropriate receptacles, utilizes nearby portable or public toilets and is generally respectful of the local environment and community that is a reasonable short term situation.

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