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Allowing homeless encampments in our parks would be opening a big can of worms without solving the problem. As a taxpayer in Multnomah County I feel that my rights to a clean and safe environment is being taken away due to lack of city and state governing in dealing with the homeless, mental health and drug Problem here. Permissiveness does not work. Just like with our children, There must be consequences for littering, drug dealing, destruction of property and other crimes occurring In our city. It is only getting worse. If I left an abandoned car on my street or trash scattered around my domicile, I would face serious repercussions. However, we have permitted to let our city (and now areas throughout the suburbs) to become filthy, unsafe and unsanitary. What happened to the rights of the tax paying and law abiding citizens? I often think of moving from the city that I no longer recognize from the one I moved to in 1995. It is tragic.

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