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It is incredible that the citizens of Portland have to ask for something as basic as banning public camping, but here we are. Public camping is wrong and harmful for so many reasons, but most notably for being the generator of: drug paraphernalia, places for open drug use, obstructing public walkways, the harboring of stolen goods, making our community look ugly and being very unhealthy living structures for inclement weather. My particular neighborhood, Hazelwood, has a huge proportion of outdoor camping - notably on NE 97th and 99th Avenue. The city should immediately make much more short term shelter available and no longer allow such disgusting and unsanitary public camping to continue. These camps and their problems are an insult to residents with homes in our neighborhoods and a reminder of how incompetent our elected officials have been in dealing with this long-time problem. For the self-anointed homeless advocates in opposition to a camping ban, the city commission should create a registry of these advocates who agree they will house homeless in their own homes (and be legally responsible for those boarded).

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