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I support Mayor Wheeler's unsanctioned camping ban.  
Homeless need more support, undoubtedly, and I support that as well.

I also support the right of homeowners and other community members who are not homeless, to quiet enjoyment and feeling safe and secure in their neighborhoods. The needs and rights of one group cannot be cast aside for another.

For those who feel camping is inhumane - it is not a permanent solution, but hopefully a stepping stone to getting permanent housing. It is still better to have them in groups/pods, where their needs can be ministered to in a central location.

There will always be homeless campers. Some folks prefer that to the restrictions and confines of a structured environment.  
Just because that's what they prefer does not give them the right.

It wouldn't be so bad if people were quiet, kind and tidy, but they are not. We are dealing with insanity, screaming, threats, property crimes, nudity, defecation in broad daylight, piles of trash, needles and human waste right on sidewalks. This isn't right either.

I don't have all the answers, but I feel this is a step in the right direction.

Thank you,  
Betsy Steinhart