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To Whom it May Concern,

I work downtown everyday and see the inhumane living conditions that hundreds unhoused individuals deal with every day. The city's no-limit camping policy has been a complete failure from a human services standpoint. There is rampant drug use, human defecation, and crime that is visible on a daily basis. From my office window I have seen a mother holding an infant while people threw axes at a tree and smoked hard drugs mere feet away. This is an unacceptable standard for our city. It is not fair to unhoused people forced to live in unsafe and unhealthy spaces. It is also unfair to the many people who need safe and clean public spaces/neighborhoods.

I support a ban a city-wide ban on camping and support the dedication of new and significant resources for assistance (i.e. mental health counseling, drug counseling, quarters, and vocational assistance) to those who need it. The county and the state should be contributing to this endeavor. For those unhoused individuals that do not accept assistance and continue to camp illegally, they should be held accountable (i.e. arrested and prosecuted) for violating the law.

Sincerely,



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