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Please stop the camping.

Our small business (A food cart pod) has been destroyed by the illegal campers and the drug use, trash, and assaults and other criminal acts. The police and fire departments and ER staff are underfunded and overburdened with dealing with actions of illegal campers . However When an illegal camper sets a fire in tires next to business with propane tanks -NO ONE including police and fire will arrest and remove the illegal camper.

Illegal campers have more protections and face no consequences for them actions. They are given more support (tents.) than small businesses

We have decided we no longer can live or operate a business in Portland and we are leaving the City due to the inaction and ineffective actions and coddling of the homeless. Portland is known nationwide as a place drug using homeless can come and live.

You can and must take major steps and ban camping and make the city safe for business and residences

Carol