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Hello,

I would like to offer comment on the proposed unsanctioned camping ban Mayor Wheeler has offered to the people of Portland.

We all agree that something has to be done to stop the spread of unsanctioned camping around the City of Portland. It has gone on too long and been allowed by city government, saying that it's because of the pandemic, resources, etc...
it's truly a lack of leadership on all fronts.

There are monies available to assist those folks that want to find stable housing in the City
But do you all realize that it's a huge drug problem that afflicts many in the campsites?
How are you proposing to solve this issue?

You mention services -- does this include drug rehab and gathering everyone in a small village is great, but like minded people have a tendency to continue those habits that got them in the situation they find themselves in initially.

What is your plan for folks who refuse services or to move?
What is your plan should these folks return after a week or two?
Where are you putting these designated areas for camps?
How long will they be allowed to stay?
What's the end goal?

Most of us find ourselves of the opinion that if you actually follow through and change happens, it will be amazing...
But up until now, your words have little credence to whatever you all think you should and can do.

Thank you.
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