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As a SE Portland resident and voter, I strongly support banning street camping. It has made our formerly "nice" neighborhood and city unsafe, scary, and dirty. It would be great to have actual housing for people, but at least a place (shelter or something similar) for the homeless to go to get services is a much better solution than just letting people scream, overdose, and die on the streets.

Not dealing with the problem is totally inhumane. The city has hundreds of millions of dollars provided by the residents for this -- we are completely fed up and need change immediately. Regular citizens don't have the tools to handle intravenous drug users, thieves, and severely mentally ill people by themselves. I can't tell you the number of times in the past few years that I've crossed streets and gone way out of my way to avoid someone who is clearly in crisis. It's heartbreaking to feel so powerless to help while also feeling terrified that someone might harm you or your loved ones.

Please help our city and ban street camping.

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