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I am a Portland resident since 2016. Unsanctioned "camping" needs to end immediately. As we have already seen, it is a public safety issue, ADA issue, environmental disaster, and drain on resources, not to mention incredibly damaging to the morale, mental health, and livelihoods of Portland's exhausted and fed up citizenry. Individuals who choose to live outside the norms of the what is considered a residence (for whatever reason) should not be allowed to set up a makeshift home in a public space for designed for public use. It is difficult to believe that this is even being proposed, but here we are.