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Please do not do this, I am very sympathetic to those experiencing homelessness. I live in eastern Oregon, but own a residence in Portland as well. Please find an affordable solution to housing. Maybe the city can re-examine all the rules and regulations put on the people of Portland when they want to build and find ways to make it happen, instead of hindrances and more fees. I wonder if a homeless person cut down a dead sidewalk tree to use to stay warm if they would be fined? I know if a homeowner does it, they will be fined. I looked into the downtown charity for homeless people, City concern, I was shocked and disappointed to see how much money the top three executives made, nearly 3/4 of a million dollars, they ask others to donate, while they sit back and collect a large salary. I know in some NGO's they are paid on their ability's to get money. City concern didn't have many donors. There cannot be a way forward unless some of these money skimming fees gets solved and affordable solutions are found, the city and counties must help in reducing unnecessary fees and help. Why not find a fenced lot and put in services like those of an RV park. Put in free mini homes and rent to own tiny homes. Just try do it with less middlemen and make it affordable..put guards there, put add some health services, so small stores, maybe residences can work at. Just find ways to do it and save money, and make it a place even teens transitioning from home could learn skills. I just know if everyone agrees on the goal, find way to save, and get it done right. we need new ideas for spaces and ways to save money getting there. Please don't put another wedge between homed and homeless. The playfield is already uneven. Squatters get more rights than owners, and while I understand the protection to prevent more homeless, it is unfair. The rules hurt good people and benefit those breaking the law. So don't pass this law, find a better way, and make all rules for all people the same .