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I'm truly amazed that using hard drugs such as meth or fentanyl is a ticket penalty crime. These junkies do not pay the tickets and continue to use hard drugs in public, on the Max, on tri met, & in public parks. Most surfaces in the downtown area of Portland are covered in drug residue. We Portlanders want our city back.

Vagrant junkies, if they use hard drugs in public need to be arrested under remand as Class A felony w/ mandatory jail time. Jail time can be waived w/ entry into a mandatory treatment program. We need to get these vagrants off the street & into treatment. If not, put them in jail for a year. Many of these immigrants that have come to Portland for their drug & violence spree will dissipate. Also really go after the drug dealers and really throw the book at drug smugglers w/ more than a gram of these drugs.