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This seems like a step backwards.

We cannot help the homeless if we enable them to be homeless.

By enacting what you are suggesting, you will only exacerbate the issue and open up businesses to being sued from homeless camps popping up in their parking lots and sidewalks. Which will kill foot traffic, and further wound Portland.

Instead, give them a place to go to get help, outside the city where space is plentiful. Allow them to stay in the city for work.

Hire them to clean our streets, hire them to clean the graffiti, get them back on their feet.

If you give them everything, what drive do they have to rejoin the workforce?

Don't enable them, drive them.