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Portland is already awash in problems with houseless people living on and negatively impacting public spaces. Oregon needs to find solutions to move people off the streets and public ways and into living situations with proper support and facilities. It is neither compassionate or acceptable for either the houseless or the rest of the population to deal with people setting up tents where ever they feel like it. It is also disingenuous to not address the root causes of houselessness - many of those living on the streets are dealing with significant mental health and addiction issues which are not helped by living where ever they set up their abode. This should be obvious to anyone who gets out and about - safe rest for whom?