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City Council Members,

I am in support of ordinance 23-0672 subsection 32-5. I have rented downtown for the past 3 years. There has been an increase of break-ins to our "secure building". These have not only been by unhoused individual looking for shelter, food or money but recently a very sinister individual wearing a mask and hoodie who taunted a tenant in our underground garage. We have been discouraged by police to not use the public stairwell due to the unsavory and potentially harmful individuals inhabiting the area on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the ramp. Another group populate the lower stairwell smoking pot as evidenced by the smell, shooting up as evidenced by the discarded syringes, relieving themselves as evidenced by the puddles of urine and the odor on top of the stench of cigarette smoke, leftover food and garbage.

Passing this ordinance is not a solution to the unhoused crisis in La Crosse for sure. However, preventing camping in the downtown parks and on other City owned public property would decrease the expense to the as City of policing and cleaning up after these individuals as well as providing some peace of mind and respite for those of us who are constantly on guard for our safety and security as well as allowing community residents and visitors to be able to spend time downtown without fear until a more comprehensive plan can be implemented to house and care for the unhoused.

Judy Aufenthie

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