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Dear LaCrosse Council:

I SUPPORT the new proposed statute. This does not criminalize homelessness but it does tell the percentage of socio/psychopaths who terrorize other homeless and sell drugs, as well as demanding camp "protection fees" to move along.

Illegal campers can be given a choice to move along, get ticketed/arrested, or give their name and needs for services. This would also assist in identifying pedophiles/criminal sexual offenders from other states who do not report. There is a reason people resist services aside from mental health and addiction issues.

It is illegal to park in certain areas of LaCrosse but we don't criminalize the car owners- we ticket or tow them. Same principal with homeless. You don't have a right to park your car anywhere you want in LaCrosse, same should hold for tents and camping equipment.

We should also pass and **\*enforce\*** pan-handling statutes.  
See the evidence-based research on this.

By the way, I have **\*years\*** of providing health services to the unhoused and slogans like "criminalizing the homeless" do NOTHING to provide them with the services they need.

We shouldn't be distracted by do-gooders who immediately play the shame card. They are usually clueless about the operational culture of homelessness and the subdynamics of this population.

Evidenced-based practice is always the bottom line in providing care to this difficult population. I support the new efforts between county and city, although I think that the homeless coordinator should be responsible for convening the various agencies each week to do case review and evaluate efforts.

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