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I just read what the City and Council is proposing considering the homeless population and I am not only appalled but shocked that City parks are being considered again. There is NO CAMPING in city parks and this should not be changed. On the list is Erickson Park which is right next to an elementary school. What is wrong with all of you? How can that even be considered. I have read comments concerning this and I know that I am not the only one thinking this. The homeless population have chosen a way of life where they don't have any responsibilities and everything is given to them. My husband and I have worked our entire lives to get what we have and I am sick of paying higher taxes so that everything can be given to a group that doesn't seem to want to help themselves. If you are going to open up camping in city parks, then everyone should be able to go to Riverside, set up their campers and tents, have fires, etc. for the weekend without any repercussions. You don't have to call me a mean person or think that I have no feelings because I feel this way. This group of people are nothing more than squatters. They have put up at Houska, the trails by Myrick and in motels. They have done NOTHING but trash them and we as taxpayers have to pay for the cleanup. Stop giving them everything they need! Hell, we are senior citizen and would like a few things given to up but being brought up the way we were, we know that we either have to save up or work for what we want. This hairbrained idea needs never to be allowed to happen. Taxpayers do not want city parks given to them and have them destroyed and then we clean up after them again. As for Erickson Park, complete insane idea. The kids that go to that school DO NOT have to see that type of living. Please get your heads on straight!! I am NOT alone in this thinking.

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