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Good afternoon,

As a La Crosse resident, I'm writing to state I support a city wide ban on camping. I feel that if we allow any form it is just going to increase the amount of unsheltered people that come to our area because we make things easy for them. Our numbers increased when there was an allowance of camping at Houska. The park was ruined and required the city to pay out even more money from a declining budget to bring the park back to what would be considered a usable space. We shouldn't have an area in our city where residence are afraid to travel to because risks associated with the people hanging in the area.

If we continue doing what we are doing we are going to deter businesses from wanting to stay in our area. Please, take a look at what has happening in larger metropolitan areas (Minneapolis, San Francisco, Portland, etc).

People who want help will try to seek out the helpers but you cannot help people who ultimately don't want help.

There is a great need for workers in the mental health & social work fields to help during what seems to be a very difficult time. I think if we could find a way to incorporate getting more of these people in touch with our unsheltered population it may help.

Also, if we are going to move towards helping unsheltered people we need to make a policy/move on illegal drug use. If you seek the help you must stay clean/be in active rehab in order to receive any form of city help.

Thank you from a concerned citizen.

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