

Do you have any additional feedback you would like to share regarding the camping code update?

Camping should NOT be allowed on/in public recreation sites (ie. parks, trails, etc.) or near/in residential neighborhoods, near schools, on sidewalks, at bus stops. Trash cans and porta potties should be provided. It should also be 100% enforced. A code is useless if nobody makes people comply.

I don't believe we should be allowing any camping; I believe you should make it as difficult as possible or we will end up like Eugene or Portland.

The real solution here is to provide shelter options for everyone who needs them, including safe, clean camping areas. The focus should be on allowing camping in areas where that can be supported and on how we will increase shelter beds and housing opportunity.

I do not want Springfield to become a version of the Eugene homeless problem. If we build it they will come

I work in Eugene. I see the mess the unhoused leave. I have been approached by them in an aggressive manner. And I do not want Springfield to fall into the same trap that Eugene has. I have to pay a tax to help with the cost of taking care of them. Will Springfield also start a special tax for this?

Providing a safe and easy way for unhoused to dispose of trash needs to be addressed.

I live on a corner. We are constantly having to deal with overnight campers right outside my house. It's not safe.

No

Any camping should be contained to designated camps, with security, paid for by the State.

We don't need or want camping allowed in our city! It was one of the reason we moved here is so we didn't have to deal with the homeless/ drug addicts

Public safety must be considered a priority. There must be monitoring of all campsites and people cannot make these permanent living places.

Please don't turn us in to Eugene. Please protect our working families, the streets, businesses, and communities we call home.

Make camps out in the far north Gateway area by the OSP. That's close to hospitals, police, and basic services, but not close to residential areas or schools. Campers should have to pick up after themselves. If they litter, the one that's caught should have to clean it all up, or pay a fine.

Let's hope the city makes the wise choice on placement away from schools and neighborhoods. Do not allow this at parks where children play and there are no bathrooms. This is going to go very poorly and you will end up seeing clashes with neighbors, if we have to regulate this on our own. Especially for parks in the UGB, who rely on County services and there aren't enough sheriffs to respond on a normal day.

Allowing camping does not fix the root cause of the homelessness. Finding ways to help people move into better situations is.

I am very concerned about any camping on our environmental areas (such as Dorris Ranch, the Middle Fork trail, Thurston hills, Willamette Heights, Jasper Park Trailhead). I strongly feel camping on these types of public land should not be allowed and highly monitored, as there is a huge fire risk in these areas, safety concerns, and environmental concerns. They are much more isolated than the bike paths in the City of Eugene and allowing camping there would be a public safety risk to users.

I want to feel safe in our city and neighborhoods.

Allowing homelessness come into public property, entering down town, lingering by businesses, camping by recreational areas including parks and trails will have a massive impact on our city and its residence. Homeless communities has destroyed countless cities including Seattle and greater Seattle area, Portland areas, and Eugene. To think any different will happen here is naive and lacks basic forethought and logic .

Do NOT allow our city to become the dumpster hole Eugene, Portland, Seattle, San Francisco have allowed! If this HAS to be done it should be very limited, heavily restricted and rules FULLY enforced. This should be structured to provide a hand up, no handouts. We have fought too hard and long to keep Springfield clean and free of the problematic issues that come from SOME who CHOOSE this lifestyle and have little to no regard for others and their property/businesses

Springfield feels clean and safe. We MUST do something drastically different than Eugene (because what they are doing isn't working)

Do not use this as an excuse to criminalize poverty even further and bolster the scandal-laden Springfield Police Department. Homeless residents of Springfield are still Springfielders. Compassion toward our neighbors must be our definition as a city.

Would love to limit to only dusk/night like 8pm to 8am and they must pick up trash

Keep camps away from residential areas

Please keep our street parks and areas camper free

Camps should not be allowed in residential areas, near schools or parks.

Please don't turn Springfield into Eugene. It's a cesspool of fecal urine drugs and homelessness. It's not helping the problem it's making it worse.

No

Allowing homeless camps to take over residential areas make it more likely for home owners to want to leave. I plan on selling my Springfield home due to the city code enforcements lack of action. I expect that allowing camping more liberally will create more drug problems, crime, and violence in Springfield.

Close to resources that help address the causes of homelessness

Na

Leave these poor people alone.

Creating safe spaces for people to camp is necessary and I want to feel safe in my city and I feel like close to shelters and social services is the best location. Definitely not on the biking trails.

Camp areas should be far away from residential and retail areas.

People need help I get that. But if we make it easy they multiply. Lane county can resource the rehab they like that. City of Springfield should have a no tolerance code of conduct. If Springfield turns into Eugene you will lose home owners and me included.

Keep alcohol and drug users in the same area. Don't allow that where families or children are. Protect single women, seniors and disabled. They need to have a job to keep the place free of trash. Cooking tent or area with a microwave, stove or a way to heat and cook food. Unfortunately they need a lot of supervision to keep things clean.

Keeping unhoused individuals away from camping in public areas should be a priority to the city. In other places where camping is allowed there are huge costs to businesses including clean up and loss of business as well as theft and vandalism. The camping ordinance should prohibit camping in neighborhoods or near schools and parks as well. Homeowners and families, taxpayers, need to feel safe in their neighborhoods and have access to the services they are paying for without having to deal with the theft and mess done by "campers".

We need to find solutions for these people but for now garbage and clutter as well as sanitation is an issue. We have an issue and they have to go somewhere I suppose.

I hope you find a way to keep our city safe, our sidewalks clear, and our recreational areas usable

No camping should be allowed on public land within city limits

No camping downtown.

Offer spaces with assets for community engagement. Setting specific limits requires tempered enforcement. Solutions first, trauma informed

Keep camping outside of city limits.

Safety for both campers and public is important

Please keep as far from residential areas and places of public business as possible.

We have to do something. These individuals are part of our community as well. We should be concerned for them as well.

Enforce the codes, keep the city safe and clean. Keep the unhoused safe by *not* allowing large, unregulated unhoused communities to form..

The city should do everything it can to discourage camping in Springfield. This will lead to our city continually going downhill.

Our prior City counsel did a good job cleaning Springfield up and making it friendly to small business and safe for families. I really hope that the new laws don't allow Springfield to become Eugene.

Safety for our children and general society is my #1 concern. Eugene is no longer safe to walk around or let your kids ride bikes. I go all the way to Springfield to do my shopping because it's safer than Eugene. PLEASE don't let the homeless ruin Springfield like they have in Eugene.

See above answer. Families should have prioritized across closer to school. Apart from other group camp

Create a secure conestoga community where they self govern and the requirements to stay longer than 1-2 nights means no drugs or alcohol, along with keeping the site clean and free of garbage/human waste.

City should simply open a campsite where primitive campsites are free and hookups for water, sewer and electric is at a reasonable fee. Camp should have rules as for littering and behavior and such. Should have bathrooms and showers and garbage service. Should also have patrols to enforce safety. In the end would be cheaper than city crews cleaning up camps throughout the city.

Campers should not be permitted to have/use/keep stolen grocery carts. These are an eyesore and costly to the stores they stole them from. If the campers need mobility the city/state should provide them, as well as toilets, hand washing stations and trash receptacles. Springfield needs to tougher on enforcement than nearby cities, so they go there instead.

Springfield has done a good job keeping camping the associated criminal acts that come from it to a minimum. Please keep a strong stance on this, we don't want to turn into Eugene. Designated areas should be limited. And near typical facilities. Aka commercial areas and away from residential areas.

I am sorry it has come to this, camping in a city should be illegal.

Please protect the tax paying citizen's property (ie neighborhoods), I want to feel safe walking to and from my car in a parking lot. I want our parks to be safe for our kids to play. Please protect our wetlands. Look at opening up something similar to the Eugene Mission.

I like what commissioner Loveall has to say about it.

Near island park, leash laws & owners picking up their dogs poop is already a severe problem...even van/RV parking owners do not follow leash laws or exhibit responsible pet ownership...our field/yard became their toilets.

Designated areas for overnight and must be out by 6 am

I don't approve by local business but in fields or off the hwy's. But I think people should have access to porta pottys and drinking water throughout the city. In different locations. And placed on a resource map.

Most of the homeless in my experience do not want help. They want things given to them. Most are drug addicts that have refused and continue to refuse help. Some are on hard times and need the help. These are the ones that leave a place the way they found it.

Police need more presence if there are more homeless. With the addition of the huts on 42nd street we are experiencing more theft, defacing of our property , cloths and personal items in our doorways. It's nasty.

We need designated areas for campers away from busy streets, residential areas, businesses. Also we need sanitary resources for the homeless.

It's very important to keep our community clean and safe.

Send them all to eugene

No camping inside city limits. It has a huge negative impact on the surrounding areas

I don't think they should be able to camp on our streets they should go to Eugene

A city that won't provide shelter beds or other resources for people with nowhere to go should not only allow camping but facilitate designated sites with bathrooms & other facilities.

I have seen no benefit to any community for allowing this..

No dogs at large. On leash or tie outs.

I work in Eugene and regularly see unsafe and unsanitary conditions where people are using drugs and leaving needles and human waste and trash on sidewalks and on right of ways and congesting foot traffic onto roads. I work with people who do not feel safe outside maintaining their home or business property due to needles and human waste. I have witnessed multiple vehicle accidents due to obstructed views pulling commercial vehicles onto roadways where campers had clogged up both sides of a busy road beyond bike lanes.

This sounds like a temporary solution to a deeper problem of homelessness. Please consider looking into additional resources to help.

It should be monitored, There should be a record of who is there and their responsibility to keep the area clean and safe.

Designating areas that are not next to residential and/or school areas with clean water and toilets should be a priority. Near social services, not hidden in neighborhoods where children play.

No camping

Stop this madness. Drugs/alcohol, crime, unsanitary conditions.

I don't think current public areas should be used as homeless camps. Make 1 area in the city or outlying area that allows X number of people/tents to stay 1 night & that area is the ONLY area it is allowed. This area should be monitored & have sanitation available to comply with the new ruling but not allow our city to be trashed & turn every corner & street into a homeless area

Location location location

I don't want camping in town. It brings down the town and people don't want to visit

Do not make any changes. I live in Springfield because we do not tolerate homelessness. If I wanted to see homeless camps I would move to Eugene, Salem or Portland. Again do not allow any of this camping in our city.

I'm annoyed that a survey has to be done to allow hard working tax paying property owners that the homeless have more rights than we do.

I think these questions are ambiguous. However, we cannot let Springfield resemble Eugene and Salem with regard to homeless camping. To date, I think the city has done a good job trying to keep the camping within city limits at a minimum. It must continue. I have compassion and donate to local services but the "camping" creates major public safety and sanitary issues and creates a place where people do not want to visit. It hurts home values and creates environmental hazards- last summer there were homeless camping and cooking with open flame at the edge of the trees in the Mountaingate neighborhood (which is essentially kindling in the summer). There must be solutions other than allowing camping.

This is disgusting. I can't act like this and keep my home, job & dignity. These people aren't in a spot. They are perpetually hopeless & refuse to do better. This is horrible to reach our kids & citizens they can just be a loser and sleep for free in the town square while the suckers work hard & pay for their disgusting existence.

Sanitary and organized are most important. Nobody notices a neat tent the way you do an overflowing mess with a tent hidden behind.

Should not be able to camp 🍌 n town we're pedestrians walk or lots of business around it's not safe makes me feel very unsafe

How will the decisions made be enforced

Dangerous new law with no funding back up or proof it assist homelessness

They are all ready making their way to rule Springfield and bringing the drugs with them. Trespassing on property, mail theft, camping on the river leaving waste in our water way. Camping outside designated camping sites should be against the law. Camping within should be by reservation only.

We should not be allowing camping and reinforcing the lifestyle of homelessness. We should be directing those without housing to resources and places where they can stay and get help. a

I think they should be held accountable for the trash they leave. They should if on public land keep it clean and orderly.

As a female small business owner, I am concerned with the growing problem. We have had several issues/confrontations at the office and it is feeling less and less safe due to drug usage/mental health of transits passing by.

I'll reiterate: Enforcement on all of these issues will be the biggest problem. You can write whatever you want down, but who's really going to enforce them? What will the punishment be?

I am horrified this is even happening for Springfield I lived in the city limits 20 yrs before moving to phill and I always loved that we didn't allow what Eugene allows. It will ruin our city to see camps pop up. Put them as close to the city line of Eugene as you can!

I have concerns for residential neighborhoods like mine. We have a church down the street from me that does allow some camping in their parking lot. When they were running a warming shelter, little things started disappearing around my house more then ever before. My concern is sanitary, environmental, and crime.

cleanliness is a big concern with campsites, there must be rules about cleanup or the area becomes unuseable.

I enjoy living in Springfield because we do not have as seemingly bad of a homeless problem as some of the other towns. I hope this does not change

If anything ever happens to my children or myself due to the city allowing drug users to camp in areas we have to go, you better bet I will SUE the city for every possible cent. This is bullshit. They don't clean up after themselves and litter DRUG NEEDLES AND FECES. WAKE UP SPRINGFIELD! Thought you were better than this.

Don't want any overnight camping in Springfield.

Although I don't agree with this as a solution, I would say one centralized location with social services and/or "work camp" type activities would be ideal.

Will Springfield have more police officers to maintain public and property safety?

Provide places to throw away trash and use restroom

I'm afraid Springfield will look like Eugene or Portland

Property owners/tax payers have chosen to live in Springfield for various reasons, one of the major reasons being that Eugene has become over run with homelessness. Springfield has done a good job of managing the issue and needs to continue to patrol the neighborhood streets to make a safe environment for children and all community members. A lot of homeless choose to live that way, it is not the tax payers responsibility to provide for those that choose to live that way.

Keep the homeless in Eugene.

We can't be like Portland or Eugene they are out of hand, Springfield needed to remain a safe and clean city

They should be able to find a place where they can stay and be permanent. I don't know where that could be but having to move and tear down tents and sleeping bags every 24 hours would not be ok. Give them a field and maybe put up a fence so it's not unsightly. Have security to keep things nice and stuff..

Kick them out to Eugene.

Just want to thank any and all who are putting focus on this problem!

Limit size and time.

I have had to call SPD on a few instances to deal with inebriated homeless people only to have Cahoots come out and the individual not accept assistance and they leave and I end up stuck with the person still not leaving the property after being asked to leave. When I ask someone to leave and they refuse it's trespassing. Why are our law enforcement officers not able to deal with this instead of passing it off on Cahoots? I try to be understanding of peoples troubles, but there is a time when they refuse a polite request to move on that the police need to be able to do their jobs.

I do not want homeless camping in the city PERIOD.

Please don't let Springfield turn into Eugene's crazy beans situation!!!

Living in the Camp Creek area, it's a concern, especially along the river.

People need a place to camp that is safe, has sanitation and trash disposal available. The bigger problems such as shortage of affordable housing certainly need to be looked at and in the meantime folks need a place to be.

Very worried with the litter and lack of clean up after they leave a site. They need to be help accountable to the damage they inflict to the site

Please don't follow City of Eugene policies and end up with similar situations

No parks, bike paths, or near schools.

If the city would address the high cost of rents and illegal drugs we wouldn't have this homeless crisis.

I don't believe individuals should be able to camp in neighborhoods or streets.

Keeping the area clean and having rules and enforcement if rules are broken in the public area. There is a difference in helping and spoon feeding someone

Allowing camping attracts crime, destruction of property, trash, drugs, and hazardous waste. It should be minimized.

I have chosen to live in Springfield because of the city's policy on public camping, panhandling and vagrancy.

I believe we should not allow camping. Keep Springfield the way it currently is.

Go to Eugene.

Homeless do not care or want help they only want handouts and feel entitled

Requiring people to move every 24 hrs places undue burden on people experiencing homelessness. I support my tax dollars being used to provide trash pickup, bathrooms, and other basic services to camps. Camps should be allowed in Williamalane parks, city parking lots and other city property. Cars are not more important than people. Allowing people to camp in urban areas will allow easier access to services, jobs, and public transportation.

1.) Limit pets, or have a separate camping area where pets are allowed. 2.) Is it possible to remove campers if they do not use proper receptacles to deposit litter?

Code of conduct expected out of the campers. Cleaning up after themselves. Respect for the property they are camping on. Using a portable toilet and not leaving human waste on the camping property.

As an Egan worker, I urge compassion, meaningful options for work, healthcare, personal improvement, and a sense of personal worth within the broader community.

No camping

I would like to see camping areas that have reasonable expectations and that allow people to stay as long as they need to and meet the expectations. I think the expectations should be developed through conversations with people in need of the camping space.

More decent housing must be a top priority for the city of Springfield.

Will anyone be going out and talking to unhoused people about this? It might be good for the city to get out and see where people are currently camping and how they're doing. Near 126 overpass on 5th there were some pretty trashy camps that I only know about because I've been screamed at by a woman from the camp from across the street. Downtown library has also become a camping area and it is hard to go there now. During COVID I was sitting on a bench texting when I had a confrontation with a man I think was unhoused/having some kind of mental crisis. He yelled at me and cornered me and kept asking for a taxi but there weren't any taxis running because of COVID shutdown. He got distracted for a moment so I got away but I've been afraid to hang out there since.

Do not like it

I am proud of Springfield and how they have dealt with homelessness. It is so much better here than Eugene

Limiting camping to 24hours is not a good option. The largest effect will be that people must devote a significant portion of their time to finding a new location each day limiting their ability to access services or find employment. If you make being homeless a full time job people will not have time to find another job that might help them escape homelessness. Additionally site selection has to be made to also allow ease of access to resources including public transportation.

Needs restrooms and garbage along with supervision and services to help them

I would like to share the concern that it is my strong belief that this survey will provide very little reliable information and will be used against people who are unhoused in our community. The first set of questions which ask how concerned people are about the unhoused community "camping" is so ambiguous that there will be no good information that comes from it. I believe this survey is somewhat performative. It's a good way to be able to say oh we asked for public input and got it. Reality is you can shape this input any way you want it because it is too vague. I'm very concerned about my neighbors not having shelter. The response should not be taken as consent or permission for the city to further make the lives of those without shelter intolerable. We have a responsibility as a community. Springfield has done very little towards providing shelter, with the exception of their assistance in finding locations for the Egan warming Center. Their assistance there is greatly appreciated. I have lived in this community now for 23 years. I have seen very little effort taken by the community of Springfield, by the government of Springfield and our elected officials, to create real solutions for our community's unhoused. From denying it has a problem to kicking people into Eugene, Springfield has failed repeatedly. Furthermore, after having witnessed the interaction via video between officer Burke and a community member, I have little faith that our police department is up to the task. I'm not quite sure how you get humans into the folks that wear those uniforms, but the city has a lot of work

to do before they earn back the trust of the community when it comes to the police department. It's very apparent that power has corrupted many who wear the uniform.

No

I do not want to see all public areas become classified as "camp grounds". It is too generic and allows too many areas to become potentially overrun. Designated areas would be better.

Clean the paths and parks up is all i care about

Lease businesses out of business. You can have inside camping. Access to toiletries/electricity. Parking lot can be used for campers. This will also allow for ease of some type of safety oversight like security for emergencies. Everything to be used on a first come, first serve basis. No maximum stay limit. Have cameras. Offer free resource help.

Please invest in expanding shelter spaces. Also, any camping allowed should be in areas with trash service and bathroom facilities, otherwise we all know where the trash and human waste left over from "camping" will end up. Also, there should be a 1 bike per person limit unless you want to end up with public stolen bike chop shops. Strongly enforce any regulations.

The sites must have people in charge ON SITE to call for medical emergencies, fire, danger to campers. Definitely not near schools or places where children are nearby.

Yes, the city of Springfield needs to adopt safe sleep sites, Conestoga huts, and use available vacant properties to provide indoor tents access similar to the safe sleep site model used by St. Vincent De Paul. If this crisis is to be addressed we have to provide viable options. I am proof that the housing first model can work. If people have access to meeting their basic human needs then they can access resources to create sustainable change. Not everyone will, but there are many who are trapped and hopeless with no way off of the streets.

Providing housing will lessen number of campers

Do not allow camping in our city please. We don't want our beautiful city to become Portland or Eugene

Camping should be illegal within the city limits. I see so much litter left behind at what appears to be old camping spots. Who cleans up after the campers leave? They don't. It's embarrassing to see the campsites.

Camping should NOT be tolerated just like panhandling. Eugene has many resources for them throughout different times of year including Eagan warming centers and shelters that are never full or over capacity. Working directly with the homeless population as a career has shown me how little they care about the city and sanitation. Allowing camping to change or grow in

Springfield will only get us to the point west Eugene is at currently. It would be a shame to see that happen.

It's a complete joke and before too long we'll be just like Eugene and Portland. Go do what Phoenix, AZ does. Go take a trip down there and tell me what you don't see. You don't see tweakers and junkies, you don't see tweaker camps or homeless walking around, you don't see graffiti or garbage or bum camps in every bush or under every tree. Go where the enforcement is working, and do what they're doing. Copying what Corvallis or Salem is doing is dumb. Their cities are a giant mess too.

Yeah bag the plan, be real look at Eugene. Springfield would be there in less than 5 years. Please reconsider again look at Eugene homeless pooping in front of businesses and in the parks, garbage everywhere.

There are other ways to address this problem than by allowing camping within city limits.

The 1-6 factors above does not work.

I do not want Springfield to look like Eugene! It's a mess! As an educator, I have a huge heart but we need to take control of our city and no give leeway or it will be taken advantage of quickly, it's been proven how quickly it can spin out of control.

We can supply larger areas of housing with military styled barracks out of the main city corridors. No one should be allowed 24-hour access to public spaces.

If people must camp and as a city we must provide a location, I would consider putting it in an abandoned industrial site away from parks, schools and businesses

Please create "villages" on abandoned or unused property where homeless can be safe and healthy.

99.9% of homelessness is due to drug addiction. They will do drugs and rob your property. It should not and will not be tolerated in Springfield. If they don't like it the Eugene is a mile west. Homelessness coincides with the rise of communism!

Enforcement in the remote areas is important. Nothing more frightening than stumbling on a camp in our more rugged parks eg Thurston Hills

As a Springfield home owner homeless camping should not be allowed.

I am sympathetic to our homeless population, but I don't think that allowing camping is going to solve any of their problems. Camping has destroyed many of the places that used to be beautiful in Eugene and I would hate to see that happen in Springfield. I know our hands are tied by the federal and state legislature to a degree, but we have got to find a way to protect our

city from the destructiveness that camping causes. With facilities nearby or without, the result seems to be the same. I wish I had a solution to propose, but I'm not sure what the answer is. I just know that camping is not doing anyone any favors.

Providing a choice to prioritize the needs of communities of color and people who are low-income over addressing the needs of the homeless is misplaced. The homeless are low-income and have a higher rate of being BIPOC than any other income level. The needs of the homeless should be prioritized above all.

I work down in the Whitaker area, very close to the Washington/Jefferson street park. Twice the city opened that park up to campers and twice it was turned into a toxic waste area. People have set up camps along the Freeway and when they leave, they leave a huge mess. They don't seem to care for themselves or their surroundings.

Please don't let Springfield become what Eugene has become. Springfield is so much safer and cleaner than Eugene. Do not let these homeless camps ruin our city!

You need to recognize that homeless are citizens and should have the ability to use parks and access services easily. The more disbanding and distancing you do, the more people are likely to not access services and become chronic.

It is so sad that it has come to this. There is no one size fits all for this condition, and each cause of homelessness needs its own fix. Most importantly, whatever the updates to the code are, they should maintain the safety and livelihood of our communities. Should also be guidelines for the campers to follow, and consequences if they do not.

I like the idea of expansion. The programs through Catholic Community Services and Carry It Forward are working, but there is not enough available spots for the demand.

provide portasans and dumpsters and water sources at larger sites

Be the City we can all be proud of and do not allow it. Your Citizens will stand behind you and we can set an example for other Cities to follow. Probably draw more businesses here and more people will want to live here

I do not like any part of allowing homeless camping but if it must be allowed we need a designated area. All other public spaces need to be kept free from campers.

Not thrilled

If camping is allowed it should only be limited to an area specifically defined by the city, like a designated parking lot or vacant field. Camping should not be allowed in just any public area.

Camping should be done at a designated campground and have a nightly fee.

They should be held to the same standard of the regular taxpayers

I'm concerned out beautiful and safe Springfield will turn into a dirty and unsafe place like Eugene, Portland, Seattle. I'm not comfortable going into Eugene anymore. Was recently in Boise and felt very safe walking in the downtown area.

While I understand that the code needs to be updated, I do strongly encourage this code to take into account public safety and sanitation when looking at any kind of campsites. I understand that people sometimes have situations where they may become homeless, however, in my experience, even though there are places where they could go to get a bed to sleep on and food, they choose not to based on their drug/alcohol or pet use. The 24 hour limit should be strictly enforced. It is frustrating when a public citizen such as myself is not able to just camp wherever I would like, the homeless should not be able to do it either.

This change is being forced on the City, so it's up to the City to increase enforcement of existing laws that apply to the negative behaviors that tend to be associated with vagrancy. Wherever camping is allowed, we need increased patrols for theft, burglary, harassment, panhandling, etc. The law says people can camp, not camp and commit crimes.

Campsites should be removed from land owned by individuals, so that impacts to individual personal property values is eliminated. Not minimized! It should be eliminated!

If you don't protect the tax paying citizens they will leave!

Ship them out of area

Make it as impossible for homeless to camp in Springfield. Give residence an easy and fast way to turn in people that are camping after the allotted time or any other violations.

Homelessness brings mental illness, drug and alcohol abuse, and general lawlessness and dysfunction. How will Springfield keep this from happening?

No.

Please do not allow for camping at parks or open spaces managed by Willamalane. City of Eugene lost control of their parks when they allowed for camping at public parks, and our parks and paths are an essential part of what makes Springfield a great place to live.

Yes. Above, I disagreed with a 24-hour limit. That is because the policy should be flexible, allowing people to stay longer, especially if it is to accommodate disabilities.

If the federal and state government have any right to tell us how to manage this problem then they should also be held accountable for the product they are about to produce! That means financial responsibility for police, jail space, and all other expenditures related to their blind Woke ruling!!

Including a fee if they are in public property.

No camping in the city.

No fine should be imposed. Springfield should have shelter options instead of sending the unhoused to Eugene. Provide more options for the unhoused to throw their garbage away and use restrooms.

I'm sick and tired of the theft, littering, drug use and lack of citizen's rights when it comes to this. Taxpayers foot the bill for the cleanup and law enforcement to deal with them when they could and should be dealing with more important issues.

We should not be looking for ways to make Oregon look more attractive than other states to people choosing the homeless lifestyle. And yes, for many, it's a choice.

The way the questions on this survey are phrased seem misleading and disguise attempting to clear out homeless camps as a concern for public safety, when the two are fully able of coexisting

Humans are humans, regardless of whether or not they have a house or a job. I strongly believe that homelessness is an issue that should be addressed by the county, but the city could stand to criminalize fewer folks for the "crime" of existing. Making it illegal for folks to camp only creates overpolicing and overcriminalization in the city of Springfield.

I think the city of Springfield should stop criminalizing homelessness. People should be able to live wherever they feel safe. Whether they have a tent or a house.

I would encourage the city of Springfield to reach out to Street Outreach providers for their feedback and ensure that direct service providers who are on the ground can provide important feedback.

STOP SWEEPING SITES! We need to reallocate funding from the SPD, and put them into more social programs, the police are not the answer

We need to connect folks with more services and not criminalize our unhoused neighbors.

It would be helpful for the city of Springfield to reach out to resource agencies for unhoused folks directly (HIV alliance etc) for input on this issue.

N/A

I believe that the camping code should more explicitly define what expectations are supposed to be met.

Your survey questions seem to be coming from the framework of limiting where unhoused people can be. You need to accept that unhoused people are in our communities and will be until structural changes in housing and employment happen. With the reality of a lot of unhoused people in our communities, the focus needs to be on giving them places to be and integrating them as much as possible, not trying in vain to limit their existence and push them to the edges.

Unless the city were to add more shelters, I think camping, within limits, needs to be allowed. I am glad that camping is being looked into as allowable. This is long overdue - it is necessary to allow people a safe place to sleep without the threat of criminalization or sweeps. That just leads to belongings including phones and vital medications being lost/disrupted (and a loss of connection/communication to potential landlords, social services, employers), more criminal history on someone's record to pose a barrier to re-entering housing. Living outside is a necessity for a growing number of our neighbors and it is important that we provide a space for it.

I think it's important to remember that when spaces to camp are limited, it forces unhoused folks to stay in extremely unsafe or hazardous places.

No

If there is an area with camping, providing outdoor toilets and garbage receptacles could cut down on hazards

Challenge the state law.. don't ruin Springfield like Eugene is.

No

I think there should be a 48 hour time limit to camp if around residents, but no inherent time limit if the camp site is in the woods, along train tracks, or in an industrial area. In those cases, the limit should be based on public safety and/or case by case. In general, people should not be made to move if they are not causing an issue and keeping to themselves.

I felt that some of the questions on this form could have been rephrased or elaborated more upon.

I think the city should deed the planting strip in residential areas to the homeowners, that way its no longer public. I think the reasons for hopelessness should be addressed before we lump all into the homeless category and treat them all the same. There has been an exponential rise in

crime and the seriousness of the crime in recent years due to policies such as this that have tied the hands of the community and its policy makers that have contributed to this rise. Also I wonder what difference does it make what we as responsible tax paying citizens make. It doesn't seem that our desires to live in a community free from crime and public nuisance matters. Mainly because hopelessness is categorized as a single symptom of cause. Address the cause and maybe everything else will fall into place. Get help to those who need help and can't help themselves. Get treatment for those seeking treatment. Incarcerate those who can't make up there minds and move the others along by stopping the enabling of poor choices.

I hope that "public safety" includes the safety of those individuals who are camping. Shelter and housing assistance is limited, and some folks do not have any better options.

I think Oregon should work on a tiny home project that can act as transitional housing. While I understand the need to update city code and abide by requirements, I do not feel Springfield should be a place that makes arrangements to be welcoming to homeless camping. I want to live in an area where I have to be fearful of taking my children or family out. Any experience we have ever had with homeless camping comes with people who disrespect the areas they are allowed to park. Littering, drug use, public defecation and other unsavory behaviors persist. My tax dollars should not be spent providing any sort of haven for people who take zero pride in their community. Regulations regarding drug use, littering and sanitation should be strongly enacted in order for these regulations to be put forth. I love my community, please keep Springfield a place I want to live and raise my family. I do not live in Eugene for a reason and strongly support any code updates that keep Springfield the opposite of the discord and filth I see infiltrating Eugene.

Please be kind to the houseless population and work towards solutions that benefit them and improve the situation for all

Campers on our public streets and property should not be allowed at all

With homelessness at an all time high, we as a community should find a way to be supportive of the struggles of the people experiencing it and be supportive of helping those who are fallen on hard times.

I do not think people should be allowed to camp period within public spaces unless it is designated as a campground.

The mess they leave behind - there needs to be a plan for daily clean up. And camping should only be overnight. It will help with how much mess they leave behind

Don't allow camping

Springfield has come a long way at cleaning up and creating a safe and welcoming space the community enjoys and is proud of. In recent months it has begun to fall back into the unfriendly

unsafe space. A space where I do not feel comfortable walking down as a single female let alone bringing my child along w me. It has become almost as bad as Eugene and it is SAD that spd has begun to feel like an unsafe place to raise a family

Please understand that housing is so tough right now. I haven't been homeless in 5+ years but I'm never more than 2 paychecks from homeless. People need a designated place that's close to services instead of racking up tickets and misdemeanors for simply being homeless.

Please find a way to offer beds to them all so we get them off our streets

These types of policies are the main reason why my wife and I would considering moving away from the Springfield/Eugene area.

Have drug safe camps available.

Nothing to add, Thanks.

If it is going to be updated then it needs to be enforced

No. I just don't believe that it is a good idea. Many people Will want to move from Oregon. People in Eugene have complained about the homelessness and appraise Springfield for the rules that have helped reduce homelessness, littering and increase safety. And now they want to make Springfield on to a Eugene! No thanks.

Update the code to fix the homeless issue. Camping does not fix the issue but invites it in. Don't turn Springfield into Eugene.

Keep the campers out of Springfield.

Keep Springfield clean and thriving. We would rather not look like Eugene or Portland.

Our open spaces are feeling unsafe due to camps some regulation and enforcement needs to happen.

Camping should not be allowed

Don't turn Springfield into Eugene.

I don't think us working tax payers should have to pay for the people who want to NOT WORK, GET EVERYTHING FOR FREE, THE GARBAGE/DRUGS/DRUGS WE WILL END UP HAVING TO PAY FOR TO CLEAN UP INSTEAD OF MAKING THEM CLEAN UP THEMSELVES AND AT OUR EXPENSE. PEOPLE NEED TO QUIT BEING HANDED EVERYTING FOR FREE , TO TOP IT OFF PUTTING OUR POLICE OFFICER, FIREMEN AND EMT AT RISK HAVING TO RISK THEIR LIVES FURTHER THAN THEY DO. I NOT IN FAVOR OF ANY OF THIS. KATE

BROWN SHOULD NEVER HAVE COME TO OREGON AND RUINED OUR BEAUTIFUL STATE. IT SHOULD BE SENT TO A PUBLIC VOTE TOO.

Don't use the fines for revenue. City will get addicted to green paper meth.

The city needs to tighten the camping code, to not allow our city to become a homeless encampment site, similar to other cities.

People should be allowed to stay in one place for sleeping/resting only. 8pm to 7am

The litter issue needs to be handled! If we're going to allow camping all over, the city has to solve for litter.

We appreciate that our business is in Springfield and we have the laws we do and the police for we do. We would never operate in Eugene. Please keep Springfield what it is.

Don't criminalize poverty

There should be rules in place - no drugs etc. Some of the sites in Eugene are appalling.

I already have to clean up needles and will not go places I used because of increased danger due to illegal camping. Legal camping will make it worse.

The camping sites should be supervised with rules of codes of conduct enforced.

Clusters of camps should be limited to 2 units per site. These 2 camp units should be separated by a minimum of 350 feet from other 2 camp units. Littering laws should be enforced, if camp area is not kept in a tidy manner the camper would not be allowed the privilege of continued use of Springfield open areas for a period of 10 days.

Don't allow it!

Should not be allowed at all

Disapprove of it all

I don't believe it should be updated.

I love Springfield because I see very little people camping on the side of the road or in parks and feel much more safe than in Eugene. Don't turn us into the pigsty that has become of Eugene

Have volunteered at the Springfield Egan Warming Center for 5 years now. Have some insight on homeless needs.

We own businesses in eugene and Springfield. It is a welcome relief to not have the struggles at our springfield business that we do with eugene. Campers around our building, litter, yelling, threatening, human feces, drug sales and use. Springfield has come so far since implementing the ordinance and has become a beautiful city. Don't ruin this!

Camping should not be allowed, between the drug use and theft, sanitary conditions left by campers, and overall public safety this should be a hard no

Please prioritize the health and safety and needs of the most vulnerable, i.e. the unhoused campers. Shelter and safe sleep is a human right. We can do better for our society than inhumane camp cleanups and forcing movement. We need real solutions to this crisis, and not simply banking things that make us uncomfortable or inconvenience.

This is a bit ridiculous, folks should have a right to rest until the community services become more available to change the circumstances that leave folks houseless

The underlying issue of homelessness needs to be addressed. The solution is not little tent cities all over the place. We need affordable housing. I would prefer a Conestoga village. Work on building communities, not isolated pods of tents. I would much rather see a small area of land with some Conestoga wagons, a garden, bathrooms, garbage and recycling areas that individuals and families can make "home."

The problems arise when someone feels like they can harass or panhandle general population who are just trying to enjoy their day. I can understand setting up a specific area near a business that provides services. This gives easy contact to a group like HIV Alliance, or Cahoots. But the problem arises when people who are experiencing homelessness try to camp in areas that are frequented by the general public. Especially young members of the general public who may not be strong enough to protect themselves. To allow homeless to camp just brings more homeless.

No camping

I suppose distinctions should be made between recreational camping and homeless camping. The homeless must have a place to go but they should not be completely displacing recreational campers.

I'm not in favor of it.

I feel the safety of families is at risk having campers. Most of the campers have no respect for anyone or others property

I appreciate that Springfield does not allow camping and the great response we have gotten from the Springfield police when we do have issues. I'm happy to pay my taxes to support them!

I definitely think that any allowable campsites, while not anything I am ever for, should never ever be near schools or parks or childcare facilities. Using Eugene and Portland as examples, camping is dirty and can be generally unsafe for the community around it. I am so disappointed in the city of Springfield for considering the options of camping. It will create a huge negative impact on our community. Many of which, I am sure enjoy the cleanliness and lack of homeless individuals wandering the streets as I do.

No camping in public areas, along sidewalks, in roadways or right of ways

Springfield had gone a superb job of keeping this under control. We don't want to look like Eugene.

Can I (when this passes) camp overnight at the 'dog park' with my band of relatives instead of paying a day use fee for reserving a shelter?

Yes Springfield does not need this, we have a lovely city and don't need to become the next Eugene, its not okay for law abiding citizens trying to get by to be budened by the criminal behavior this will encourage

I hope Springfield doesn't start looking like Eugene!

Concern for safety

Using the word "camping" bothers me. When I was a child, our family went on camping trips. We swam and fished and roasted marshmallows. At 60, forced into homelessness for the first time in my life, I am not camping! But call it what you will, I say YES..these codes, rules and attitudes toward folks in this situation definitely need an update, overhaul and to be CHANGED I think it is dumb because it doesn't solve the problem. It just allows people to congregate in more cities in Oregon.

Don't make Springfield like Eugene, that's why we moved to Springfield

I don't know what Springfield's current camping code is, but it seems like it works better than Eugene's, which is a godawful mess. Homelessness seemed to increase dramatically with COVID policies, so addressing homelessness may have less to do with camping codes and more to do with reversing the cascade of economic issues directly caused by COVID-19 policies.

Charge a minimum fee of \$5 a night

Really don't want Spfd. to end up looking like other cities....Portland, Medford etc....the trash is horrendous...and as nice and handy as trash containers are....they aren't used...

As a former homeless woman, I strongly disagree with the City to allow "Camping". This is turning a blind eye to the root causes of the problems, and causes crime to rise.

It's interesting to have a code, but what are the other actions being taken or investigated to determine cause and effect? What are cities outside of Oregon doing to prevent homelessness and/or provide services? Even cities with different governmental structures?

This is a terrible decision and will result a reduction in the quality of life for all of us.

Providing bathrooms and dumpsters at camping sites should be essential. Allowing people to stay for 30-90 days would be best to allow for people to feel some sense of stability while looking for other housing options.

I strongly disagree with loosening regulations for camping. I think there should be a designated area away from everyday foot traffic of businesses and homes if this is going to be allowed. And I strongly believe there needs to be serious regulation and monitoring of these areas to manage safety, sanitation and drug use.

n/a

The city of Springfield is far behind providing services for unhoused folks. It's about time they get their act together and have to acknowledge that there are unhoused individuals in the community and they deserve safety and a place to sleep.

I think that all the time spent on updating the camping code could have been better spent on low-income affordable housing updates

yes, disregard all federal mandates for this and let Eugene continue to be the city of transient homeless like they want to be!

24 hour limit will hurt peoples ability to engage in services and work on housing / mental health goals

people need safe, legal places to sleep.

please actually help these people instead of being a republican and pushing out of sight and out of mind, do some good for once

There is empathy for unhoused campers. Yet I understand the business and community aspect of it. It's a challenge to balance both rights for homeless and rights for businesses. Hopefully the balance can be achieved between both.

I think there needs to be plans put into place about cleanup at these sites. Our workplace currently has someone who has camped out almost every day and when we come to work we have to deal with garbage, needles, and human waste. It does not feel like a welcoming place to be.

I don't want them camping here or living on the streets. They steal use drugs and fight plus the shit they leave is unacceptable.

Look how dirty Eugene is . Used to be a clean and safe

All campsites should be in the vicinity of the socialist whom voted for it.

This should not be allowed within the city, near business or residential areas

Trash is one of the main problems. The city needs to have a homeless task force like it would have a gang task force. They respond to homeless issues and monitor homeless camps. There are many places that I have found where the homeless leave sometimes during the summer. During the time, the neighborhood surrounding the areas have more theft, drugs, even I've had men exposing them selves near my backyard. An example of an area would be the old Mill Road from warehouse that goes along the rail road tracks. I would feel safer, if chain-link fences would be replaced with wooden fences. Also, I feel like if there's going to be camping spots then they have the right to have cameras so that crime would be documented better. I feel for the homeless I am one of the people that keep snacks in my car to make sure that in Eugene, when we see somebody holding the sign, we can feed them. However, I live near two schools, two parks, and one big trail from willamalane. Safety for my child and others are a priority. I also have seen the amount of trash and lack of bathroom toilet lids. Could be an issue as well. How are you going to keep track of how many nights a person camps at a certain area? I'm not sure what current rules are, but in general it's the amount of camping that is a concern. And getting to the root of WHY folks are camping and what we can do about it. We should not allow camping on public land.

No camping allowed due to increased crime, public safety concerns and sanitization concerns. allowing public camping has increased unsanitary, unsafe environments. It has fostered situations of increased substance abuse in public settings, exposing the public to individuals use and behaviors.

I do not want people camping out in public at all

Take into consideration of the volume of crime that will increase and how it impairs the ability to help the people who want that help. Drugs and alcohol bring an array of uncontrolled behaviors. If we allow free camping it will be the end of a safe place for any Springfield home.

Not at this time.

Personally I am opposed to any code updates for the purposes of assisting transient population.

The negative impacts to communities and residents would be astronomical if individuals were allowed to camp in public areas.

No

This could easily get out of control and hard to enforce, once you open the gates, the flood will come, just like in Eugene.

there shouldn't be a time limit on camping. And people should be able to camp anytime, there shouldn't be certain hours

Sanitary facilities and social services should be onsite and accessible, 24/7.

We should be doing more as a community for the homeless rather than create / pass laws to hinder them to sleep wherever they can.

I think it will be a mess.

I think it's reasonable to enforce that "campers" must have and provide valid identification in order to camp for 24 hours and prohibited from staying in the proximity of schools or residential neighborhoods.

I feel very strongly that we should not be sweeping or moving unhoused people who are camping constantly. It is very bad for wellbeing and for building stability. If shelters are full or if shelters restrict substance use, or if people have animals, then camping is often the only viable option. I have seen young teens all the way up to elderly veterans and people with disabilities experience homelessness and camp. Until we can create an effective rapid rehousing system and long term solutions to homelessness, I think camping is a perfectly viable way to survive. Human life matters and we need to care about our unhoused neighbors.

Please give people safe places with bathroom facilities rather than forcing people to camp on public lands!!!

Need more exploration as to who would manage camping sites and impact to public safety response and what impact that has on continued increases of property taxes.

People should have to camp in legal camping spots just like everyone else or access a shelter. If drug use is the barrier to accessing the shelter then they should access inpatient treatment because if they are using then they would not be safe to public property exposing other to their drug use.

Instead of providing a place to camp-the city needs to deal with the reasons why people are homeless in the 1st place-drugs/alcohol

Homeless = theft; do not allow near retail businesses

I think we should not change anything. What we are doing now is working.

We cannot address camping without addressing the underlying issues: an insane housing market, lack of affordable housing, lack of mental health services, lack of accessible SUDS services. Camping is dangerous and unsafe for everyone, housed and unhoused so PLEASE address the underlying issues. Also, if you wouldn't want this encampment on your street, don't subject other residents to it. Thank you.

Public property should be able to support the public. If there is not enough places to camp, alternative housing should be provided. Housing should be a basic need.

Regardless of what else you do, making sure that enforcing this is done in humane and dignified ways is important.

If nothing can be done about rent control for folks, then more permanent shelters are needed. That said, the ability to sleep is a human right.

It is about time Springfield!!! Too bad it took new legislation to force you to do what is right. You now have the opportunity to lead with empathy and do something good.

I'm disappointed in the city for not treating unhoused individuals more compassionately as the law requires. This was a badly designed survey. I disagree with the 24 hr limit because I think there shouldn't be a limit but if I mark I disagree, you don't know why. That's one example of how this survey will result in bad data.

Allowing people to sleep overnight at parks (away from features and environmentally sensitive areas) makes sense as they are maintained regularly, not typically used at night, and have bathroom and trash facilities. Don't force people into areas with no bathroom facilities unless you want medieval diseases to make a comeback. This is a public property issue. Home owners and business owners shouldn't be made to clean up trash and human waste where the city allows to people to camp. Invest in adequate shelter space and don't allow public camping, this shouldn't even be a thing.

some of the questions in this survey are worded in misleading ways that support the continued oppression of people living on the streets. To be clear, homeless folks should be allowed to safely stay in designated sanitary sites, ideally with access to support services, as long as is necessary until they are able to transition to more permanent housing.

Everyone deserves the ability to rest without being disturbed by the police. No matter what. More shelters need to be built. Allowing camping on public property is not a solution. More shelters provide more jobs and cleaner for public .

Elderly should be separate camp

Stop criminalizing houselessness period. Majority of the houseless population don't choose to be houseless and are just trying to survive like you and me.

I don't believe camping should be allowed, however, it should be closely regulated and those camping should be required to maintain their area and maintain cleanliness.

We're all animals on this earth, no one should be without somewhere safe to stay
We should minimize the number of services provided that encourage more homeless to move to our area. Require homeless folks to abide by rules governing sanitation, garbage and illegal activities. The truly, mentally ill need to be in care facilities. The drug and alcohol dependent need to be in rehab facilities.

I believe people should not be allowed to camp on the street regardless of whether the land is public or private. We need to provide people housing.

I would support policies focusing on temporary (limited duration) camping and connecting campers to community services that might help with their needs.

Camping should be banned in city limits period

Get people into group homes or facilities.

There should not be a camping allowance.

The state has created this problem. The state should be required to establish and pay for campsites. If they don't agree, start shipping the homeless to Salem.

Most of the unhoused persons I have encountered are under the influence of drugs or alcohol. I see this creating even more unsafe events for our general community and put regulating it on our community without any resources.

It's sad and an issue. Campers should have a designated place away from neighborhoods and business. Far away from public bike paths and schools. Outskirts of town. Manned by city

employees where rules and regulations are being upheld. Resources that help facilitate personal growth and job recruiting and betterment is happening. Drug and alcohol testing at random.

Please do not become the next City of Eugene and welcome in homeless. Please keep residential areas clear of All camping.

Please keep camping areas away from schools.

Help the most vulnerable first.

Outside of the Springfield area so that visitors don't have to see their mess

I think it is bullshit one of the reasons I moved to Springfield was to get away from the homeless mess!!

There should be no "camp code" there needs to be a designated spot for All them to go to Locked public restrooms aren't helping anyone. Homeless people should have access to things to maintain sanitary conditions. The lack of affordable housing in Eugene/Springfield is a big part of the problem.

Can we designate specific areas in a public place, specifically where there are bathrooms, to avoid the threat of unhealthy conditions for the people coming to the public areas just for enjoyment. Stepping or sitting in human feces really takes the fun out of an afternoon in the park.

Access to sanitation and ability to have services access the people

I think the conestoga huts and other sanctioned camping areas need to be considered. The community needs to do more, but it also becomes a safety issue walking on paths where people are camping.

I would like to see no camping where kids go to school including the routes they would need to take and where kids congregate like parks with play structures.

Please work to make sure our parks and trails do not become overrun with camps. The parks are a luxury we are lucky to have.

Our community needs to have a place for recreation. Please do not put them in every single park.

Please take parking strips in residential areas off the table. It's not safe for those camped there with drivers flying through. It can be unsafe and damaging for property value for the home owners depending on the intoxication level of the people camped there.

Not in the ROW, including planting strips in front of homes or businesses

Please keep our town safe. I've had a friend get jump on the bike path going to work from Springfield into Eugene. I would also recommend having sanitation/Porta pots available. No fun cleaning up human poo

Let property owners allow camping on private property including recreational vehicles connected to power supply

I declined to meaninhfully respond to many of the questions due to unclear wording. When you ask, the city should consider the impact on communities of color, for example, what does strong agree or disagree indicate? If I said disagree, would it be a mandate to shunt unhoused people into communities of color. If I said agree, would it be a mandate to chase off people camping in those areas? How does it consider homeless people of color? What I'm not concerned with is that we as a city work on reducing homelessness more than simply reducing the visibility of homelessness. I volunteer with homeless people frequently and understand that dealing with some of them can be unpleasant, but that doesn't mean homeless people as a group are dangerous or undeserving of dignity.

I'm not worried about having to see homelessness, I'm worried about homelessness and hope that any actions taken include plans to eliminate as much homelessness in Springfield as possible.

Please keep camping off residential streets. Who will clean up the garbage?.

Growing up in Springfield, Eugene was always the golden child. Now people want to move, work, visit Springfield because we keep our streets clean. Keep people moving. The longer you allow them to stay, the higher the financial impact, safety impact and environmental. I want to continue to be proud to live here. I think council continues to promote family housing versus folks 'camping' on our streets.

I think that there should be a vacancy tax for empty properties, the places could be utilized to help make Springfield a safe place for people to transition to stability, escape the dangers of homelessness, and combat blight.

I am concerned about safety and trash that is left on the sidewalks. We already experience this everyday on the streets and with camping allowed it will only get worse.

No more campers!!

Can the city create a safe sleep site for campers and tents like Eugene did so there is a place for people to camp other than roadsides and parks? I am against campers near sensitive environments like rivers , wetlands and streams and I think that placing them near bathrooms and dumpster are of most importance.

This whole thing is totally ridiculous. Campers should not be allowed unless they are charged for the area they are occupying. I will strongly vote against any tax levies for police, parks, schools, or any other city tax if this goes through. I will not support anything that allows the homeless to live in and destroy publicly funded places. It is obvious from what has happened in Eugene, Salem, Portland, and many other cities in the state that this can and will only lead to a disastrous impact on our city. There are plenty of resources for people who want a better life. We do not need to enable them by allowing this group of people to destroy our city and use our already limited city resources and endanger our residents.

Do not follow what the city of Eugene is doing. They're reasons why communities that have strict camping ordinances do not have crime issues. Portland, Salem, and Eugene have a history of issues.

We need to fight this! I walk my dog every day and have been cussed and followed by homeless people. I want to feel safe in my own neighborhood parks

We don't want Springfield to become the next Portland or Eugene. This entire state is becoming an embarrassment.

It shouldn't be allowed in parks or residential neighborhoods.

Most concern is for children and the impact on the community/safety. I do. It feel safe in Eugene because of their homelessness problem and the bike paths are littered with garbage.

Include Megan's law and other required notifications for felonies

Maybe consider funding resources to helping get these people real housing.

Find an answer to help the majority, find other programs to keep people housed, to prevent the number to grow. Have health care options and have a low impact on parks, places where kids play and far from schools

The city should do more to help so less people need to camp.

Yes. People going through the hardest time of their lives deserve to rest without fear.

If over night shelters are provided camping should not be allowed

People should not be allowed to "camp" in Springfield.

We don't want Springfield to turn into Portland or Eugene. Keep our city clean.

I think we need to make every effort to ensure the camping is very temporary (12 hrs overnight only) and avoids larger gatherings where problems start. I volunteered for several years for the city and felt relatively safe walking out of city hall at night and frequently visiting nearby shops and restaurants. But if there were to be homeless individuals camping nearby, I would feel very uncomfortable and would rethink and/or limit my visits downtown. I don't go to downtown Eugene at night for this reason. As a Springfield property taxpayer, I would rather pay additional taxes to help fund shelters and services than allow people to openly camp on public property and possibly cause problems for everyone else. Rather than focus so much on rules regarding camping, let's give these individuals a safe place to stay where they can get the help they need. I would rather pay for this than pay to fix all the problems that come with allowing homeless camps to form.

Camping is overrun in Springfield and if not dealt with soon people will begin to migrate from Eugene and farther reaching areas. This is a lifestyle choice, people are moving to Oregon from other States because they know the law can do little to nothing about it.

My biggest concern is safety / maintenance for parks where camping is happening . I live near the By Gully Path and there has been a lot of garbage down in the creek, fires spreading into trees, and destruction of property. I used to call and report camping activities but over the years I gave up because I felt like it didn't make any difference. I'd like to see some sort of balance where the area is still cared for if homeless people need a place to camp.

I think the city should stand up to the feds and state and appeal this ruling to a higher court. It is ridiculous to allow bums to be able to sleep all around town. The people who "experience" homelessness have plenty of resources already, the rest are drug addicted, alcoholics, mental or are sex offenders who chose a lawless lifestyle. Camping in Springfield should be uncomfortable so they go somewhere else. Otherwise, expect a rise in crime and more litter around town.

Homeless are people, as uncomfortable as it may make us not-homeless people, they need to be treated with respect and without bias of our personal feeling of another person's worthiness. If people are camping but are not disturbing anyone (besides them just being there), they should be able to stay if they don't have shelter. Community service for people who don't clean up after themselves.

It's disgusting living in filth. The amount of trash every where from campers makes me want to sell my home and move out of Oregon. I'm a third generation Oregonian and I'm saddened by what this city has come to

NIMBY is going to be a difficult problem for tax paying citizens. How can we serve our citizens? The mission and St Vincent de Paul have done amazing work with very little money. How do we work with them to get more shelters like they have created?

Parks and public spaces can't be allowed to be overrun. We have living and building codes, those shouldn't be ignored.

The current levels of homeless individuals in our county has grown astronomically. I no longer feel safe walking around alone and can no longer enjoy the many activities I used to enjoy due to safety concerns. It's prompted me to start looking for another region to call home. I thought I'd live here for the rest of my life, but what's is the point of being somewhere with all this natural beauty if we can no longer enjoy it safely.

NO CAMPING or Homeless squatting should be allowed in Springfield or its surrounding outskirts as this enables more crime and drug use...another great example of failed, liberal progressive democratic "leadership" acting as an authoritarian

no

There are many kids and families that have chosen our city to live in and work In homeless not seeking help shouldn't get to camp free anywhere they please

Eugene has fallen prey to this "issue" and been taken advantage of. Our city is beautiful, and our citizens, including me, don't want homeless camps all over leaving a lasting scar on the landscape

Designated areas would make the camping more manageable both for residents and law enforcement as well as social services outreach programs

Keep Springfield clean - we DO NOT want to look like Eugene!!

I honestly do not want to see any areas in Springfield become Washington-Jefferson park. I do not want people residing in Springfield facing the discomfort and fear associated with having strangers camping in front of or near their homes. I understand people facing homelessness deserve dignity and respect, but with chronic homelessness comes drug use, sanitary issues, and public safety concerns. I think the current camping code works great for this city, and we should not make it more lenient.

I do not support camping. I have seen what other cities who have been the opposite of our city code and those cities have turned to absolute trash. Springfield has worked hard to keep and upkeep our city and now its going to go to trash just like the others. The issue is just like any other law or ordinance people wont follow it and then arises more issues. Its illegal to murder people and yet people still do it. I feel that laxing the camping law is like giving a mouse a cookie.

If Springfield has to allow a CODE for time they can camp I would hope the CODE/LAW would be enforce cause if not Springfield will be the next Eugene

The update should be specific regarding camping in a tent or sleeping outside due to homelessness as well as camping in a vehicle

My strongest concern is that I don't want people camping on the parking strips or in alleys in neighborhoods.

This is a very slippery slope. Eugene and Portland are perfect examples of what NOT to do. Please do not become like Eugene, it is disgusting here and downtown Springfield has done too much to turn things around to slide backwards due to camps.

Just that Eugene has been completely overrun and I hope Springfield doesn't allow that to happen

Turning Springfield into an open air campground will only increase drug use, property crime, violent crime, create unsanitary and dangerous environmental conditions and strongly contribute to a significant decrease in the quality of life in our city. Springfield residents and businesses have worked very hard the last ten years to transform the downtown area into a wonderful place to spend a safe evening. There are no social services in the city that can provide assistance to those who truly want to get off the streets. I fully support helping those who WANT help to get off the streets. What I don't support is transforming our city into another freak show like Eugene and Portland.

DONT CHANGE IT!!

We can't allow camping by businesses, but we have to have options for folks

City codes should require more public restrooms (mobile or permanent) to provide more services for houseless people.

No camping at all.

I work in an office near downtown. We have people sleeping, eating, littering, crapping and pissing on the property. We clean it up with all the associated risks of cleaning up potential biohazards...but what choice do we have. It's frustrating that I feel the need to patrol the property in the morning so that my less bold colleagues can feel safe coming to the office. Also, we end up having to pay to remove large amounts of trash, including discarded clothing and medical supplies. We currently have at least a 50 gallon contractor's bag worth of mildewing clothes and bags.

Educate residents on who to call for code violations

Totally against it. I chose Springfield for my business location precisely BECAUSE they have reasonable restrictions on panhandling and public camping.

Please look into St Vincent dePaul Eugene Service Station model. They really do the best they can with some of the most vulnerable people - those with severe mental illness who have been totally abandoned by the very system that is supposed to care for them. It is beyond heartbreaking.

We need to have services available to campers to find housing, substance abuse and daily needs like bathrooms, showers and garbage bins. Contract those services with local providers like st. Vincent or community service providers.

camping codes are a band aid solution. We need real reform and low income housing and specific dedicate sites for longer term camping. Permitting camping in parks and public solutions is not the answer. Instead of spending resources and time on this, efforts need to be made to increase income, housing, and social services. The homeless situation is a direct result of poor planning for our society. Our society should be based on humanitarian needs and concerns and not on capitalist motivations.

I am sympathetic toward the unhoused, however, my main concerns are related to my family's safety, the public's safety, and public health/sanitary conditions. There needs to be a balance of services and getting the unhoused to move on. I also would not want to encourage more unhoused to come over to Springfield by providing too many support services, this is what seems to have happened to Eugene, and Eugene is just awful now. My neighbors are concerned about their home values, and I confess so am I. And I do understand that is a selfish concern, however it is a very large investment. I have friends that own businesses in Springfield, and this may negatively impact them. Look at Portland and all the business owners who are leaving, plus the residents that are leaving. I understand that this is a very tough subject, and I may be saying something that is unpopular. I am fortunate, as I have choices. I can pick-up and leave Springfield if it gets worse, but that would be so unfortunate as I would lose my neighbors that I have built relationships over many years. These are the things people buy houses for, for communities and neighbors and stability. I already feel like I am losing the community that I've invested in. Ultimately, you will all decide what you want to. However, please do not be surprised if people begin to vote with their feet and begin to leave.

We have a beautiful looking city for a reason. Stop and reconsider your knee-jerk reaction to the present "controversy." It's a controversy created by the woke mob. How about stand up for Springfield and keep our city as clean as it possibly can be. You'll never eradicate homelessness. But, having been homeless myself at one point in my life, I know that it was my own hard work that pulled me out of poverty. Nothing else. If you permit it to exist, it will run rampant. If you build it, they will come. Keep springfield looking like Springfield. We don't need to look like Eugene just because Eugene city council was offended.

No

I do not think camping should be allowed in the city of Springfield. Look at how much garbage, filthy public spaces, and crime happens around the camps that are in Eugene.

Makeshift campers not allowed

This survey is incredibly confusing, worded poorly and should not be used to collect confusing information

Start enforcing laws and lock up criminals and get mentally ill people the care they need. cae

We don't need more drugs or crime in Springfield. Portland is bad enough and all they do is throw money on the homeless problem and it gets worse and worse.

Camping by the unhoused should no be permitted. It is destroying Eugene and it will do the same to Springfield if allowed.

Strict ability to enforce the code.

Springfield take some of the load off eugene. Allow people to live in RVs in peoples driveways but not on streets.

People should not be camping on public property. Many of the homeless population don't want to work or get off drugs. If they refuse help then they should be put in jail for not obeying all the laws the rest of us have to follow.

do not allow camping in springfield

It needs to be controlled environments with many restrictions. I have serious concerns about public safety & the increase cost of maintaining our public spaces. I would prefer continuing with our current regulations.

Housing first

Keep Springfield safe for its tax paying residents

Active public intervention is a necessity, including restriction and enforcement.

Police harassing these people pressures them to not exist and helps nothing. I'm tired of people being penalized and harassed for existing. Approaches should be from the standpoint of, 'how best can we serve this community right now?' Not, 'how much do we tolerate?'

This would clearly increase the homeless situation.

Illegal campers should lose their benefits.

Why do they camp for free but I pay for everything.

Keeping Springfield clean should be our primary goal. We made giving \$ to panhandlers fine-able. Why allow homeless camping?? No!!!

Send them back to Eugene. Springfield has worked hard to get better and be clean.

I don't think you should be able to camp in Springfield.

I pick up garbage everyday downtown and in the surrounding neighborhood. The few homeless folks around leave cigarette butts, which puppies like to eat, garbage, and ask for me for money or cigarettes. I do not want camping in front of my house or the neighborhood where I walk my dog. I have called cahoots several times with struggling folks walking downtown.

Can't stress enough to get the homeless into, mental health treatment, drug treatment, or job training & placement programs

Make it as restrictive as legally possible and strictly enforce the code.

I enjoy living in Springfield. It is nice not round a corner and seeing a lot of litter or camp sites that are not cared for by the people who are staying there. Springfield fields waste safer than our neighboring city because of how it is now period I hate to see the change

We should not allow our city to turn into a cesspool like Eugene. We should not allow any camping as it will drive tax payer out of area who will no longer feel safe. It will also increase property crimes.

I love Springfield and the fact that I can go out safely by myself with my dogs. None of my friends in Eugene feel safe doing that. Keep Springfield a safe place! Just like the no panhandling law has kept it a much safer city!

Keep this out of residential areas! There should be some kind of rules attached - curfews, noise, etc.

Camping should not be allowed on public property.....there are already designated camp grounds that people can camp at.

I feel that I understand the need but what I would hope to happen is a truly dedicated area that has the least impact to others. Have a designated area that is in one location and have it strictly regulated and in an area that is bot dispersed throughout the city.

I don't think camping should be allowed in public parks, near businesses, or in residential areas. There should be designated areas that are actively managed by the city. Sanitation, trash collection, and maintaining law and order should be a priority.

We need to bring back accountability through responsibility of oneself via civil service. Mentally ill need to have services available 24/7.

No

I want to be proud of our city and do not want it to become like Eugene.

Do not allow homeless camping PERIOD!!

When they go, they leave trash, needles & feces

I do not want to set this in Springfield.

Tell them to walk over to Eugene where they love the homeless.

The city should provide designated camp areas if required, the tax paying citizens should not be required to be subjected to the lawlessness of the homeless population.

If you're going to allow camping, keep them moving. Make it uncomfortable and an incentive to move up the social ladder and find housing.

This is going to make all public spaces unsafe for children and the tax paying public to use. We should get the choice to pay for public spaces if they are going to be used for homeless. Eugene has a huge problem with all their public parks being too dangerous for the general public and now this is going to be Springfield as well.

Please don't allow tent camping. And if you do make it a dedicated and secure area not just all over the city. We will slowly become Eugene and Portland.

Jogging around Eugene, I've personally seen homeless people doing drugs in the open, smelled them doing drugs under the bridge I was running over, had them yell obscenities at me and at my wife. These people need real help allowing them to "camp" on public property isn't helping them it isn't helping anyone it's going to cost the tax payers money that could be used to get them real help. I really don't want jogging through Springfield parks to feel like jogging through Eugene parks there is a huge difference.

Lane county provides so many services, no one wants to move on or work, it's horrible having drug use and trash everywhere.

I'm very scared for the safety of my family if approved to camp on public land

How about sleeping/camping on public property with an 10 hour limit?

I wish this wasn't happening. This is what has separated Springfield from Eugene and why we moved here - because camping wasn't allowed, which provided us with clean parks and safe spaces to walk. I understand this is state law and would strongly support as many restrictions/limitations as possible. We can't keep enabling this problem and expecting a change.

I work in Eugene and experience the public camping everywhere. I do not want to see that spectacle in my beloved Springfield

DO NOT TURN OUR CITY INTO EUGENE! We need to ensure we have enough dedicated officers with a low enough call volume that they are able to respond in a reasonable manner to even minor offenses such as trespass or littering. We also need an additional vehicle like Cahoots with the ability to transport to places like Buckley House, the Mission, Dusk till Dawn or the Service Station.

Keep Springfield clean

Strongly disapprove of any homeless camp sites.

Please work with other service providers so that in city camping is not a transactional Band-Aid that contributes to the problem. If other services are involved and nearby, maybe they can support people who are ready and want to transition out of homelessness.

Camping along the river should be prohibited.

Cleanup of camping sites. Needles, trash etc.

Out of residential areas and off of sidewalks.

Please keep the community safe.

none yet

No camping allow the city of springfield has worked hard to clean up and this would put our city back two steps in the wrong direction.

Please don't turn Springfield into Eugene!

I don't like The idea of camp sites popping up around town, in parks, on or near paths or downtown/near businesses. I especially don't want camps near waterways. If homeless people

need to camp it should be in an area that doesn't affect other people's lives. I want my wife and daughter to feel safe downtown, in parks, on bike paths, going to the river or even walking around our neighborhood. I also don't want to see homeless people using the river as a washing machine or a bathroom. There are vacant lots around town where people can camp. It doesn't need to be in a park. Parks are there for people to enjoy, not live.

We do not need or want homeless camping.

If a driver is tired and needs a 15 minute nap so they pull over , let them nap and don't ticket them. Public campers ought to serve the public by liter pick up
I really do not want to see our nice city filled with homeless people feel it is their right to put a tent wherever they want to.

Keep our children safe, would like to feel safe taking my grandchildren to the park!

Parks, trails and open spaces are not the places this camping should occur.

Safety needs to be top priority for families who are low income and want safe access to parks, walking trails and biking trails where there isn't a concern for unknown homeless people who are very likely to be on drugs or under the influence of alcohol and unpredictable. Most homeless by choice suffer from mental health issues and other barriers and while they should not be punished for those, the rest of the public should not be punished and left to feel unsafe and without access to resources that their tax dollars have funded.

Safety and sanitation first.

There is a huge risk of squatting on private property, and trespassing and property crimes. Violence will go up as desperate people with very little try to take from those with more. Violence will increase, and property value will drop, creating less taxable income for the city. There must be camping on public land if anywhere, and it should be isolated from residential neighborhoods raising families to keep them safe. Landowners need to be protected from treapassers attempting to be squatters on their property. Vacant land or empty houses could become targets for homeless people to try to take over. Look no further than the situation in Glenwood. There is also the issue of increased trash, demanding more public workers to maintain clean areas with more manpower.

Build more low cost housing, increase size of shelter capacity and services. If you must set a time period, from two hours before dusk to two hours after dawn?

If you are going to allow camp sites all around the city, definitely a security/ law enforcement increase will be needed. Also more assistance from Cahoots will also be important

It's sad that we can't come up with other alternatives to help the homeless. My daughter lives in Portland and with the city allowing and welcoming campers, it's become a monster of a problem. It's sad to see Springfield deciding to follow suit. Our family will consider moving, unfortunately. I bought my first home in Springfield 8 years ago, partially because of the lack of homeless. Changing this will just allow them to spread into our city. public safety is first.

Please be compassionate. Dig down deep for empathy.. My small family were lucky to find our motorhome, finance it due to good credit, and eventually a permanent space in a mobile home park. Most of the homeless don't have a fraction of those resources. Even being homeless in a motorhome was extremely challenging. Also, don't forget about the large number of pets the homeless have. Providing dog poo bags and garbage receptacles in these camping areas may help a great deal.

I strongly disagree with allowing people to camp on public property. This is not good for local businesses and has the potential to be very unsafe for other members of the community. Although I understand the plight of the homeless, I also understand that this situation will evolve into a long term problem for Springfield, as it has for Eugene. It's vital that a large area outside of the main residential, park and business areas should be set aside for these camps. government officials are blind to the fact that it is less a homelessness problem and more of a drug addiction problem. we need to have some safe place for the general public also

The homelessness problem in our state is directly correlated to substance abuse and mental health. Allowing people to camp promotes continued use, crime, and doesn't actually help people. They need treatment and rehabilitation

If there was some kind of homeless community outreach workers,who could visit campsites and intervene problems before they got out of control,rewarded good campers and connected the needy with necessary supplies. My homeless experience has been ridiculous expensive,and so time consuming. Its exhausting.

I believe people should be allowed 1 evening, for 8 hours in one spot. They should be expected to move and be up by 5 am daily and not camping into the afternoon.

Get them involved in community cleanup

I would like to restrict public camping, but fund alternatives/social services like the Egan warming center.

I am very concerned about our parks, trails, rivers and other nature areas. Right now, I feel safe to run, hike and walk alone in our parks. This is not something I can do in eugene.

no

this is opening the door to more trouble

I feel something needs to be done but allowing camping in public areas will be the down fall of springfield and we are just now getting downtown usable again. I would hate to see that go backwards! I know we don't want homeless camps in our neighborhoods! To allow this would be a travesty.

We should not allow overnight camping in Springfield.

The city should ban camping altogether. It is not a sustainable solution. Neither are the glorified dog house shelters. People need stable housing solutions. The city should purchase hotels and motels to use to house people.

Keep them in eugene. So make our rules stricter than there's.

I don't think we should allow for campers anywhere. Send them to Eugene.

If we allow the camping anywhere in the city we will be a trash pit

Don't ruin the parks with campers allowed everywhere. Ban camping.

Permitted sites should be much more structured, All this trash flowing into our rivers and oceans is a travesty! So many times biking the trail I have been in unsafe situations; such as a woman with her cart loaded with scrap boards who almost ran into me

The safety and rights of all citizens should be respected. We have a right to visit businesses, parks, schools, and other public locations without fear and exposure to human waste and garbage. This is an important issue to my family and I, it impacts where I live and how I vote.

only camp from 10pm to 5am

Don't let Springfield look like Eugene

Drugs,litter &crime

I HATE that Springfield is being forced into this, I feel if at the very least there needs to be as many restrictions in place as possible to prevent our city from becoming the next Eugene. There are shelters available, the unhoused not utilizing shelter have drug addiction issues among mental health and criminal patterns. I don't want those people in my community.

Keep the code as is. They should get job

The safety and rights of the entire community should be considered. We should be able to frequent parks, businesses and public area free of garbage, human waste and fear of being harassed. This is an important issue for me and impacts how I vote.

ESSENTIAL: have police use their heat-sensitive cameras (aka thermal imagers) to see if anyone is in the tent. Here in Eugene, it appears that many of them are set up but are empty, as odd as that may sound.

I would limit it as much as possible. I do not want Springfield turning into Eugene. The cost is high in both maintenance, safety, crime, impacts to businesses, and impacts to the environment.

Why aren't home owners involved in these matters? What about our safety and property.

Please don't let Springfield become Eugene!

Before the code is changed and enacted, the city needs to have a solid enforcement plan that includes empowered enforcement personnel, clearly defined and posted guidelines, and posted consequences for violations. Do not make rules if you lack the will or means to enforce them.

Camping on private property should not be allowed

Campsites are not an answer Use the new stadium money from the county to assist in housing people and cap rent increases

Don't let the homeless takeover like Eugene

The overall preference would be to see this limit the number of campers/sites to as few as possible

PLEASE find legal ways to severely limit camping.

We need to be holding campers liable for any and all messes and or destruction of property Ideally the city would provide more shelter, affordable housing, tiny house options vs camping One of the main reasons I moved from Eugene to Springfield was to get away from the crime, personal harassment, theft, and environmental destruction that public camping caused there. If you change the code to allow public camping it will destroy this beautiful city.

I am concerned about the safety factor for local residents.

Needs to be restricted. We don't want to be like Eugene and Portland.

If camping is allowed on public property it must be on property specifically designated for camping with limits, not any or all public property.

I live across from a park that going back in time had a problem with needles and paraphernalia in the children's play area thus people didn't bring their children. A better job of cleanup has made it a good place for kids. We don't want that to change.

Prefer a regulated group setting for families and/or single individual like St. Vincent DePaul has.

Get a job and get to work. There is a labor shortage and not because there's not enough people to fill the positions. start participating in the functional world and quit using homelessness as a reason for drug / alcohol use and using up all the resources for people who fell upon hard times and need the resources to get back on track.

I don't think we should allow camping anywhere for more than one night.

I do not want Springfield to look like Eugene. Do NOT do that to Springfield residents.

It destroyed Eugene, more drugs, lowers property values, a disaster for the city

While I understand that this is required by the state, it does nothing to address the root causes, and will allow the situation to continue to get worse.

We do not want Springfield to become like Eugene tolerating homelessness to such a tolerated extent. It's been ridiculous. As a resident I take the crime accompanied by addiction and homelessness seriously. They often go hand in hand.

Springfield has worked very hard to shake the 'Springtucky' reputation it had for many years. We have a blossoming downtown/Main St and our family feels far more safe here than we have in recent years in Eugene. It would be an absolute shame to allow Springfield to make the same egregious mistakes made in Eugene with rampant crime, drug use, etc. Many people I know flat refuse to go to certain areas of Eugene. Please make a common sense policy that won't have the same ill effects as Eugene, while also having compassion and understanding for people experiencing homelessness. Perhaps we ensure there are resources for these people in order to give them somewhere to go after whatever time limit has been reached.

I do not feel that camping within the city limits is ok. It brings drug use drug sales , crime and violence to the town. Also leads to a feeling of not being safe or able to be in these areas without filling that a crime could happen.

I think there is need for regulations, unfortunately not all the unhoused are respectful to our community. I do support limited time/ people camping since our economy system is not stable but I don't think anyone wants certain area of Springfield to turn into Hwy 99

Keep them in Eugene!

I have to pay to camp. The homeless should also contribute in some way and pay for they stay.

Can the city consider providing dumpsters, garbage bags and Porta potties? I have great concerns over the amount of refuse and feces around these camps.

Homeless people leave large amounts of trash everywhere.

no

Not to include our Parks, especially near schools or residential areas.

One of the main reasons we chose to live in Springfield is their strict policies regarding the homeless. I strongly oppose any changes

I wonder if this will influence the events of campers and response by law officers to unwanted campers on private property.

Close the dispensary! The homeless will move on. The police/fire department are too short handed! One fire station is going on 7 call a shift a waste of 7 hrs ! Stand against the state mandate for camp

Let us continue to do what we can to incentivize personal responsibility, contributing to society, and sobriety.

It would be a horrible mistake to allow this. We do not want to turn into the drug infested trash bin Eugene is now

Designated camping sites with regulations and supervision would be ideal.a

Springfiel's needs to do more to support its homeless community

No drugs and crime!!

May city Government should ask for some of the Two Hundred million dollars just made available and designate temp.Homeless shelters.Keep people housed not camping on our streets.

It's a bad idea to open up camping on public lands. A trip through parts of Eugene or Portland shows the amount of waste that is left behind when "campers" leave, and also shows the amount of trash/waste that is collected while campers utilize the space. The news regularly talks about the biohazardous waste that is left behind, this includes but isn't limited to, bodily fluids and used needles.

offer one designated area. easier to help people, clean up and manage safety

Your not helping. Your just like Eugene. Give them shelter off our streets in the woods somewhere

This is a sham! There has to be something against this measure for private property owners and for the decency of our streets

I voted for Springfield current code which is why I bought a home in Springfield.. I feel that we are being being forced to invite worse problems into our community than we already have. Additionally this will all come at a cost to tax payers as soon as the grant money is spent and we won't be able to walk back anything on the way to a trashy unsafe city like Eugene. I am a 66 year old woman living on social security of 1200 per month as my only income. More taxes are not my jam.. I retired from a job in Eugene where I was taxed on my paycheck to pay for Eugene's mess which they allowed to get out of control while we in Springfield moved to control it.

My family and I will happily move from the state if Springfield begins to look and feel like Eugene. We are not talking about a few down & out families here. Consider that "homeless" also includes the crazy drug addicts who roam the streets, stealing, defecating, and harassing PRODUCTIVE citizens. With that in mind, how many of those individuals are you ok with? They will sleep where your kids walk to and from school, so how many is an acceptable number? What kind of questions are these? Zero is the answer. Zero homeless camps on Springfield. We didn't vote for this..

I don't agree with it

let them camp in eugene

Public safety 1st please

Don't encourage more homeless, unemployed, mental health challenged people to move here or stay!!

Can the City not comply with HB-3115 and just accept paying a fine/penalty to the State or such? As a homeowner and taxpayer in Springfield for over 30 years that would be my vote - don't comply, leave the current camping ordinances in place just as they are. I will happily write a check rather than have Springfield become Eugene with the deplorable state of affairs from the homeless drug addicts & the resulting daily terrible effects on the local businesses and the residents' safety & quality of life. Please don't lose sight of the fact that there are two groups; drug addicts that choose the lifestyle and homeless that just need resources and brief help to restabilize (rarely found in a tent on a sidewalk or in a park); these 2 groups are not the same population. If Springfield has to comply then please write a strict law and allow the SPD to also enforce strict compliance with the many existing regulations & laws prohibiting littering, indecent exposure, drinking & urinating in public, obstructing access to building entrances, open burning, verbal harassment, etc. Write in clear provisions outlining the rights of property owners/residents

in dealing with immediate issues that will arise. Ban camping from downtown & any abutting open areas - don't let all the hard work & funds put into the revitalizing of downtown go down in flames with the loss of visitors and property values. Living in Springfield with the current camping laws is a bastion of relief from being in Eugene. The marked difference in daily crimes committed against citizens in Eugene alone is a measurable fact to weigh in decisions. Yes, let them stay in Eugene since they've already ruined that city or go back to the state they came from. Stop enabling these people, thier not homeless, they choose to live that way. Deal with them every day all day long and it's rediculous

I do not think that the city should allow in city camping. A better option would be for the city to have a mission home that provided a safe palce for people to sleep and clean up and have services to help them get jobs and homes

There should be greater access to camping given the rate of homelessness in this area.

I hope that the code is able to help support people impacted by the lack of affordable housing in this area while maintaining public safety and sanitation. The 'safe sleep' sites and conestoga hut villages in Eugene have been very effective and I hope Springfield can implement similar programs.

Setup a generalized area for the homeless to live that is monitored. This can help alleviate littering, safety concerns and helps keep Springfield the clean town we have learned to enjoy.

Don't want it in Springfield at all

Springfield band camping- look at Eugene/ Portland it's trashy

The city should provide trash receptacles, bathroom facilities and a running water source in public spaces to eliminate issues of littering or other waste concerns

A dedicated area for camps that is away from parks and town areas is one thing. We do not need to be importing problems from Eugene and turning our town into a waste dump. No amount of rules and regulations are going to prevent the ruin and waste that is left behind by 'urban campers.'

It seems to work well now. It should only change very minimal.

Very opposed to the idea of overnight camping

Parks where children have access should not allow camping (playgrounds)

Let the homeless be! Until you are willing to invite them into your home to live... MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!

This is ridiculous. Parks should be clean places to go. I shouldn't have to worry about drugs, crime when I take my child to the park

Stop the insanity. No one wants the cities to be "campgrounds". Be a Leader and figure this out or leave office.

As a user of parks in the area I'm very concerned with homeless camping creating an unsafe & unsavory experience to non homeless users

It shouldn't be allowed, I work in Eugene and the homeless camps are disgusting from the trash they leave behind when they move on.

The City should send out mailers with these questions with a paid return envelope, that way you will get a more accurate vote.

Please figure out a way to not allow our town to become overrun with camps like Eugene States and municipalities that hinder homelessness and prosecute panhandling have less crime and less drain on government funds.

look at the train wreck that Eugene has become. Whatever they do, don't do it in regards to "helping " the homeless situation.

No camping on public land!!!

Should not allow overnight camping at any Willamalane Park we pay tax dollars for these nice parks and facilities. Should not be allowed in residential neighborhoods or near schools. If we have to allow overnight campers should be for limited hours,duration, designated area, campers need to pick up their own garbage!, should not cost Springfield tax payers to clean up as has happened in Eugene. Conestoga huts through community shelters in small groups in designated areas is a good option to explore along with allowing one or two camping site with limited duration and hours in parking lots where t

I give significant financial resources to the Eugene Mission and other non-profit organizations which provide shelter and resources to the homeless population. I have volunteered to assist with special projects at the Mission, and brought my son along on one so that he could see the value in serving others in need. I'm not heartless when it comes to homeless people, but other, contributory members of the community also deserve to live in peace without the negative impacts which always accompany homeless camping, especially in the places where they live. If they can't have that in Springfield, many of those with resources, skills, and talent will leave. The fact that the state is coming after Springfield for cleaning up its streets and making it safer by pushing out the homeless is a blatant abuse of power. Springfield has become the clean town that business are moving to and that is because of the policies that were put in place to limit homeless camping and pan handling. Calping on public property in a city is never going to work out.

"Public Safety" is a matter of opinion. If that is #1, what does it mean? If the camper has a history of violence or crimes against children, are they disallowed from camping within city limits? Who determines that? More pressure on our police??? I think there should be 1 or 2 areas designated for camping, period. Not on the sidewalk or next to a bike path or businesses or homes. A maintained area with bathrooms and running water. This will certainly save our taxpayers money in the long run and will allow our police force to continue protecting our community instead of asking campers to "move along".

Stop forcing good people to move away from Springfield. Stop becoming Eugene

Camping would be much less of an issue if people didn't try and get money from people and kept the areas clean

There is no way this will work out. All liberal cities have tried this and the end result is the exact same. I'm sorry they are homeless, but they are making a choice to take free handouts as long as they can rather than try and better themselves. I along with 90% of the citizens of Spfld and Lane County have worked hard to have what we have and protect our families. If homeless people, not campers, start arriving in my area, I will not be happy and me and my neighbors will be making serious waves!

Enforce the law

"Campers" have proven time and again to show up, create massive amounts of litter and debris, steal from nearby properties, destroy property and leave the mess behind for others to clean up. I'm not sure why we would want to encourage that when it already can not be policed

No

It is just a bandaid to address the problem, when the real problem is lack of available housing for those who really want to get off the streets. I feel that that is where efforts need to be concentrated along with preventing people becoming homeless in the first place. In addition, we are always going to have homelessness because many of the people have become entrenched in that lifestyle and are not going to give up the habits that landed them there in the first place, i.e. substance abuse. There is a certain sector that wish to continue as they are and to engage in criminal behavior to support themselves. These are the people that have been, and will in the future, resist any and all efforts to help them. They just want to live that way. However, they should not be allowed to make everyone else miserable, including other unhoused individuals, as well as the general public and taxpayers who pay for it all.

Springfield has done a good job managing homeless. Please don't open the floodgates like Eugene and destroy our city.

I disagree with this. This should be away from homes. Away from schools. Away from playgrounds. Due to sanitary and safety reasons (because the city doesn't not respond to these calls because we have all been told by dispatchers that this would lead to harassment which is ironic because then your residents get harassed) I'm assuming g taxes will go up due to cleaning budget and community engagement resource officers. Essentially this will be a disaster in washing park. But you need to understand that if this allows people to camp on bike paths. Adjacent to private property the impact on citizens here in Springfield will be HUGE and j can personally say that my property and any public surrounding mine will not be utilized for such a purpose. Why doesn't the city of Eugene pony up the dollars for shelters as they created this situation under Mayor Kitty Piercy when she stated publicly that they would be build shelters and welcomed homeless people to their city. This is an absolute clown show and you wo Der why the mass exodus of citizens in Lane county will continue. It is absolutely unacceptable that private citizens are losing more rights to privacy and peace due to laws enforced on us by the state. If this is allowed might I suggest that while all citizens are forced to comply with allowing people camping close to their homes for example, that Mayor Sean Van Gordon also offer up public property near his home and all city council members and school board members allow public camping directly near their homes as well because your constituents will probably be pretty pleased that ALL neighborhoods, bike paths and playgrounds are open to the public. If areas where city council members live are not open to camping (we can all read maps) then your decision is made with personal bias and violates your oath to the city and state of Oregon. Good luck with proceedings I'm sure this will only be a virtual meeting and you will cut of feeds as has been done in the past. A decision with bias is illegal to make in any state so please provide zone maps and district maps once decision have been made so the residents of the city can ensure that all your property values have been affected as well. Thanks

Fox the real problems. Drugs, mental health and enforcement of laws already on the books. Have private land owners build camps on their own property.

The are state and national standards that could help Springfield shape their policy.

Create a private/ public partnership to set aside all public lands in Springfield into a trust for the benefit of the tax paying residents. This would eliminate the requirement to allow camping on public property and save Springfield from becoming Eugene.

No.

Please don't turn our City of Springfield into a Kitty Piercey Eugene camp for homelessness. We moved here and bought property because of the ban on camping on public places and the no handouts on every street corner. Thank you for listening.

Alot of homeless people have drug ,alcohol or mental issues. They need to be made aware that use & abuse will not be tolerated. They need to pick up all trash in campsite & when they leave. Using bathroom facilities

Camping should not be allowed in the public right-of-way due to safety issues as well as ADA issues.

I am not in favor of opening our parks for camping. We have designated campsites for camping. This is ridiculous. Will take away from families and children using our parks.

No camping

I would like the public spaces and parks to remain clean, safe, and usable for the tax paying residence who make Springfield their home. I am oppose to offering any type of services or camping facilities that encourage homeless to congregate to the detriment of our public and park spaces.

Camping within city limits should not be allowed at all.

I pay taxes and do not want any homeless residing or building any where near Springfield.

Give them a bus ticket to Eugene. I pay way to much taxes, to then invite crime into town.

No camping at all

It is important to understand the different type of campers

Do not allow campers! This will be horribly unappealing for our city!

This is a terrible idea. Springfield has been cleaning up and becoming a better city and now it will be just like Eugene - A crime-ridden cesspool of violence and unsanitary conditions. I refuse to go into Eugene any more than necessary as the unhoused have made it dangerous and everyone I know has suffered from their presence. I quit my job in Eugene to avoid the issues I had to face just trying to get into my place of work safely.

Lower rent all over the state, predatory landlords are bleeding us all dry!

Stop feeding them

The homeless need a place to live were they can take care of themselves a and get back on their feet, regulated by social workers to guide them to succeed.there is alot of housing in lane county but even people who do work and are trying have a hard time meeting the high cost of housing. Sadly, it seems to be all about money were landlords and rental agencies are getting rich while people are out there needing help. They don't need a camp....they need a home. Just because people are unhouse doesn't make them any less people that should be cared about. They deserve to feel safe. They deserve community. They deserve stability.

Public property is supposed to be safe and access for all, allowing camping directly goes against that. Where public camping is happening in Lane County, it is no longer safe, accessible or sanitary. I've seen businesses lose revenue and customers, nearly go up in flames due to campfires getting out of control, have found feces and needles in neighboring businesses property. I have had to arm myself when walking my dog due to campers in my neighborhood that harass neighbors.

I understate unhoused individuals situation for whatever reason, camping is not the answer as tax payers always end up paying for something in the end whether it is for clean up or loss of business traffic, etc. .

Do no allow it

Police monitoring for illegal drugs is imperative!

campers should be mandated to clean up area or punishable by jail, if jailed then put on clean up crew from jail to clean up their area.ea. , city should provide garbage cans and porta potties if they are going to allow.

Strong concerns for our parks that are highly visited by children and the fact that it's already becoming unsafe to walk/ride on all of our beautiful walking paths and trails. Our property value and desire to stay in this community will diminish greatly!

Please take your time in amending the code. The City of Eugene plays a cat and mouse game with the unhoused population. They all know how long they can camp before they have to move a few blocks. This does nothing to solve the problem and their streets continue to be trashed because of their code enforcement.

I think keeping camping areas away from residential neighborhoods is important so closer to businesses and industrial areas. Crime is such a problem and housed families don't feel safe in their own neighborhoods when there are unhoused people camping nearby unfortunately. Due to the tendency for drugs and more crime.

I think unhoused people are in a difficult situation, however having unfettered access to public areas to utilize as a "home" is not conducive for public morale. We need to have designated areas and restrictions in all other public/private areas to help the impact on our community. The longer the homeless are catered to the less likely our state government will do anything about it. Our state has an opportunity to reinstate mental health and addiction services along with affordable housing.

Prevent homeless from camping in the alley behind our home. You send us notices that we are responsible for cleaning up their filth and garbage and drug paraphernalia. We can't go in the alley because of the danger. Yet the City is all about homeless rights. What about the residents right to have a safe living environment or safe streets to walk???

I feel that it is important to limit the use of areas due to cleanup and security for the public.

There should be designated sites away from public areas; the occupiers build and maintain their own campsites. I don't understand your thinking are you trying to make the city more dangerous? When the word gets out they can come and camp in our parks they'll come in droves and more bussing of them from other states. Who is going to clean up after them and provide the policing. The crime will rise significantly; who will protect the residents from this crime? Do you plan to hire more police to protect us from these homeless camps? I have talked to neighbors who along with us are considering selling and moving due to this homeless camping situation. Have we turned into a Socialist community? I am willing to help families with children, but not the drug addicts.

Please please make our communities livable again.

Stop outrageous rent increases driven purely by greed that is forcing more homelessness. If you feed them they will come. Stop food hand outs for non residents.

There should be strict and enforced rules if there is to be camping allowed in Springfield

The problem is related to mental health and drug issues. Address those 1st and the problem will dissipate.

This is not camping. They are not held accountable for their waste and trash. It becomes the communities problem when they move on.

Would police or some other safety group, patrol the camp site areas? Also, couldn't make the ranking section work.

Ban them from the Booth-Kelly mill pond restoration area along the Mill Race. Remove the bridge crossing the Mill Race behind Swansons Plywood Mill, due to homeless camps. The homeless use this bridge to camp on Knife River property. WillamaLane Path to City of Springfield property to Knife River property. Trash, litter, graffiti, and stolen shopping carts are all associated with homeless camping. Consider selling Booth-Kelly to Nature Conservancy so that people can be excluded from this important natural area. p

Number isn't an issue as long as they pose no risk to surrounding area.

a safe place to sleep is something every human needs

Allow camping in front of homes of state legislators only

For 17 years, Springfield has had clean and safe parks for kids to play at. Allowing public camping will bring crime, drugs, and even more homeless. Springfield had a history of issues with homeless in the past before the no camping ordinance. Our goal should be to not allow that

back in our city. If there has to be a designated area, than make it a location that is uncomfortable. If there has to be a set time frame to allow camping, make it an inconvenient time frame. Prevent our city from becoming a hostile and cruddy place for us and our children. If not we will have the same issue Eugene, Portland, and California have.

I appreciate that we are adjusting our code to help people -- which I believe is the spirit of the law. Basic health on the street is necessary -- access to bathroom and shower facilities are necessary. During COVID, this response was considered a basic need and it should continue to be thought of as that. I also think that being homeless is not comfortable for anyone, and safety and security are missing from their lives. How can we help them feel safe while also offering safety to those who feel threatened by their presence? Increased immediate mental health response and day-of/drop-in shelter options are sorely needed in Springfield but mentioning them sounds like I'm asking for the moon. When really, we are talking about fellow humans who are suffering and often at their worst moments. More streetlights would also help to light paths and high-traffic pedestrian roadways, as well as City parks – if you are looking for public safety options that are not linked to increased police response. Where does the money come from? You have my support increasing taxes and also increasing a tax on the wealthy.

Main street and streets either side of it need to be a no camping zone. The code needs to be specific about where camping zones are located.

Camping is not the issue that needs to be handled. Affordable housing and rent control are the issues that need to be addressed

I wish the city would look at the long vacant Sears, Thurston Safeway, old Winco and rethink what a healthy community in transition looks like. All of those places would be amazing one stop service centers. They have electricity, plumbing and ample parking to give both campers and tent campers space to stabilize and get help. Those are all dead zones in our community. The WinCo site has been an eye sore since I moved to Springfield over 14 years ago. It is time to stop sucking up to the developers and rethink spaces and uses. The health of our citizens and our community depend on creativity. The money and the space is there. Let's help those vulnerable people who deserve stability and Housing First!

There should be supports in place for campers so they are not designed to fail because of lack of clean facilities for waste and hygiene.

I hope the update will balance people's right to sleep with public safety/sanitary conditions. I want Springfield to be a place where all people are welcomed, and everyone feels safe to walk around.

Allowing unhoused to camp on public land is enabling the homeless problem

until necessary supply of needed low cost housing and low barrier shelter is met, camping should be allowed in most instances , without time limits to space use

I am extremely concerned for public safety and sanitation issues. I do not feel public camping should be allowed. Period.

Ensure that there is a permanent site for homeless camping so that it can be concentrated in a particular area, rather than spread out throughout the city. Make sure there is easy access to social services to campers, and that campers can stay as long as they like in their camping area. Otherwise, the campers will have to become nomadic, and would be incentivized to constantly move around the city instead of staying consistently in one place. Invest in shelters for campers, such as yurts or other facilities, to make sure they can stay dry. We need a policy that gives campers a place to locate, without simply moving them from one place to another. Once there is a consistent place for campers to exist, there will be better boundaries in place for where people can stay and why, without encouraging homeless people to break the law. Moreover, there ought to be meaningful access to law and order for campers, so that they can feel safe in their areas without feeling the need to flee and spread out throughout the city. By providing a legitimate and somewhat accommodating place to stay, campers will be encouraged to better set up a way of life compatible with the laws of the city, and will receive more human living conditions.

run them out of town

We should not allow camping on or in public places.

If you are going to allow them to camp for free then all camping should be free!

No

No

Please don't allow campers in Springfield. Let them stay in Eugene.

After watching what has happened in EUG and PDX I am again candy camping unless in a self contained vehicle such as a motor home or trailer, or in a controlled campground with trash service and at least outhouses. Between homeless and the Occupy group Eugene has spent a million dollars cleaning Washington Jefferson park over the years. Business owners have their businesses blocked, urinated and and crapped on. I'm sorry but we are better than that. Let all of these tax exempt churches start doing their part. They have buildings that sit empty six days a week. Let them step up or start taxing them to help with the problem.

I appreciate the city council balancing helping homeless and protecting our water ways, and residents that have homes safety. I love that Springfield is safer and cleaner than Eugene. I am very concerned about camping on vacant properties where owners are not close by, also fire danger in the summer should be a very high priority especially in the thurston hills, Bob straub area etc.

I strongly disagree with allowing camping on public property.

At least 20, they're people for god's sake

Beware of placing camps where water pools into mud. It makes it much more challenging and unsafe.

Please consider more safe sleep sites, such as Conestoga huts and safe parking areas. Also, please include access to restroom, running water, and garbage. Access to trash is what can help keep tenting sites clean. We have several vacant properties that could be used as a sanctioned safe sleep site if the city would be willing to pay a social service entity or public service worker to supervise/regulate the site.

We need our Springfield & Eugene as well as Lane County's codes for not being able to have a RV, trailer or tent on private land!! If the landowners approve those people to be on their private land, this should not be an issue within guidelines ~ That is just not right 😞 If I have acreage or space my own family should be able to be on my own land ~ No one should be able to tell me otherwise ~ Again, I say within reason & "some" requirements. If I do consent to my own discretion of who I allow on my own property (within guidelines) Why is this a problem???

Provide trash bins. Homeless people have no access to trash bins get rid of trash.

Outside Springfield, it makes the city look bad

Officer Joe Burke is a rock star!

Take into consideration the distance to resources and help for the campers to get them in permanent housing, and help them find work. Provide the resources for homeless to find a home and be off the streets.

I think camping should be at designated sites and not allowed at places like the library or downtown or in parks.

I'm not heartless but this is way out of hand in Eugene. I am pretty happy with the way Springfield has handled this. The mental illness on the streets needs to be addressed. They are scary people & should not be left to their own devices on the street. I don't know how many I have almost hit because they just walk out into the street. I would rather not live the rest of my life with the memory of hitting someone.

KEEP THEM AWAY FROM SCHOOLS

Safe sleep sites only. I moved to Springfield to get out of Eugene. I fear Springfield is going to lose control like Eugene did.

If Springfield becomes another Eugene, I might have to sell my house and move somewhere out of the area

Community service should be provided to camp.

I think it is absolutely outrageous that as a property owner I have to worry about tent cities within city limits. It should be a dusk to dawn situation and cannot become a permanent location. Springfield has worked too hard to revive downtown and in a matter of months all that will be ruined. I have stopped going to downtown Eugene due to safety and sanitation concerns. I would hate to also lose the ability to utilize downtown Springfield.

This survey is unclear. I disagree with camping on public property unless it is a designated camping area.

Its very upsetting to me that springfield has done so much to rebuild our downtown area and make it a safe clean place where people want to go and this will end all of that. There are many places in Eugene that have been destroyed by homelessness and I refuse to take my family to due to both the safety and sanitary issues.

You will regret allowing camping in Springfield. Eugene and Portland are terrible eyesores with people leaving in droves. Do not ruin Springfield with this filth and insecurity. Keep your residents safe.

Need rehabilitation programs that parallel these actions. Let's see what the percentage of people that are homeless, abusing drugs and alcoholic.

Camping must be limited and there must be held accountable for breaking laws and rules.

We need to keep the city safe and clean

If you allow these people to stay the area that have grown over the last several years will look disgusting again. These mobile homes that are leaking feces from their drain is also an issue that needs to be addressed.

Every campsite gets a bag of fentanyl pills.

Springfield Coty Council and Springfield Mayor, what is your 5 year plan to defeat homelessness? Keeping and or enforcing homeless shelters should never be an option.

Camping on public property should not be allowed outside of already designated recreational campgrounds, period.

We need more affordable housing.

Following the Forest Service wilderness dispersed camping precedent of designating sites, time limits, and permits would help with enforcement and compliance

I'm tired of looking at all the garbage they leave behind

Just keep shit real and don't be dicks

Make them clean up when they leave and charge them to camp

We need to push back against the state and refuse to accept homeless camping on public property

In Springfield they don't allow homeless and I think it makes it much safer for everyone and it doesn't look trashy 24/7 when you don't have campsites anymore soon the Eugene/ Springfield area will look like the streets of Portland and many people are moving away from that! I highly suggest you reconsider before you push a lot of people out. As a female woman I am scared for my life when I walk the streets of downtown Eugene.

I own a property across from Island Park and I am very concerned that they will camp there and make it to nearest to walk, bike to the downtown restaurants on the paths.

I have genuine concern for the regulation of camping that occurs in or near residential areas.

I think this should be as strict as allowed by law.

Keep them away from schools! These are mostly drug houses, and sex trafficking trailers.

primary concerns regarding homeless are alcohol and drugs, creating littering messes my taxes are used to clean up, and ensuring public safety

Is there a way to require campers to show proof that they have attempted to connect with social services or non-profit organizations focused on providing housing and services. Just like those who are unemployment have to prove that they are applying for jobs, the campers need to prove that they are seeking services from specific organization in our community. This may provide accountability for those who are not seeking out services for housing and needs.

We're looking at two different issues. Law abiding citizens who are down on their luck and need a break. The other is the homeless that leave their needles behind on the ground as well as litter and feces..

Allowing camping around businesses and homes will severely impact the actual tax payers of this city's safety, comfort, and sanitary health. Think about the TAX PAYERS first. Drive them out and you have no money.

Camping should not be allowed on any public or private land that is not exclusively zoned and permitting for camping, just like traditional campgrounds. These measures are in place to ensure that all of the question in this survey are handled properly. So why not adopt and maintain those regulations? This topic cannot become another token topic to lead to re-elections. It must be handled properly.

Do not let Springfield turn into Eugene. Period.

Don't be like Eugene

Race and income have the same consideration

We have campgrounds for camping. I don't agree with parks being taken from our children and given to the non working adults who do drugs and drink at tax payer expense. Springfield should take a stand against this.

It needs to stay the the way it is . I don't want the drugs that come with homeless sorry!!!

No

Springfield discriminates against homeless, people of color and people with any difference in mental health and ability and that needs to change.

I was homeless before at no fault of my own, a few years back. I used the extensive resources and services provided throughout the Eugene/Springfield area. I staid at the Eugene Mission, and they helped me get on my feet and out of homelessness. I seen first hand what it is like to be homeless. I see a lot of people out there that are choosing the homeless lifestyle, then feel they are entitled and expect the government to support them. Being homeless is not supposed to be cush, and I feel that is what is happening. It is not the government or the taxpayers responsibility to provide for people who are abled persons who can provide for themselves. The community is here to give a hand up, not a hand out. Since we have to provide a resting place for these campers in accordance with Federal law. Then that is just what we should do. Give them a safe place to rest over night, set hours , small sites, strict guidelines, small numbers in each individual site/tent, etc. We are providing them with a place to rest overnight, not a place to live. We have to keep this demeanor , or we will have them thinking we are here to be their provider, and we are not.

My concern is who is going to be overseeing how many campers and confirming the "allotted" time they are allowed to camp in any one location? Is there going to be a meter maid running around marking lines? This is ridiculous to think you will have the resources or any real control over it once you allow it in our city.

Please make it as stringent as possible in city limits unless it is a park designed for camping or private property.

anything that can be done to reduce the trauma of being unhoused should be done. Don't make people move every day. Provide safe storage for belonging. Provide bucks toilets and handwashing stations

N/A

Do not allow

They need to get a job !!!

No one should get to camp!

I am opposed to having camping within Springfield. I have seen the negative impact homeless camping has had on our neighboring city of Eugene as well as Portland and Seattle. Please let's keep our city clean and safe for our families and community.

Campers should not supersede public use

Just look at the mess left behind in the area where you enter I-5 north by Gateway Shopping Center. It a mess that is not getting clean uped

it is not camping or campers. no if this should be allowed in the city, county or state.

It should not be encouraged in city limits

To avoid the ongoing problems associated with this subject, the City of Springfield should divest itself of all publicly owned property by selling it privately owned companies and lease the property back for City of Springfield use.

I would still like to live in a town where it is beautiful and feels safe and would like the camping code to reflect that.

Camping is a serious problem that affects people and the environment. There is issue with drug paraphernalia, human waste and litter.

No

Make it as restrictive as possible but legally able to stand against federal or state court actions.

Please work with area partners and organizations to increase the opportunities for unhoused people to camp and live safely in Springfield.

I don't like having homeless sleeping in doorways of business when I come into work in the morning.

keep current city code

It should NOT be allowed at all in city limits. The homeless population brings crime and filth with it wherever it goes. Creating a bunch of rules or policies regarding camping will not affect this, it will only waste taxpayer money and put taxpayer safety at risk. Stop accommodating the homeless/criminal class.

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If we as tax payer are being told how our tax dollars are being used to build live sites around the area so homeless can live in a dignified dwelling + now you are telling us that the very parks and public greenways we also pay to upkeep are going to allow for homeless to camp, wreak havoc on and litter all over...it's too much and unacceptable.

Better than camping would be provided housing.

Thank you for the work session and listening to public comments. I strongly desire to see a public/private advisory group organized to provide housing of various sorts to the homeless. Let's work together to keep them safe, keep our neighborhoods safe and provide bathrooms, trash cans and sanitation supplies to those without a fixed residence.

if sites are set up, people should have to either pay to camp or do community service for the hours to pay for a permit. CITY OF SPRINGFIELD MUST SET UP ORGANIZED SANITARY/GARBAGE AND BATHROOM SERVICES. There should not be one set of laws for people that want to obey them and there tend to be no laws for the homeless. three levels: the truly desperate, who need mental health services, the people who just want to take advantage of the system, and then the predators that come with all that. we moved to springfield from portland, where i grew up, because life became untenable because of camping, crazy unpredictable interactions, and rings of thieves. springwater corridor also became dangerous, where I had my bike stolen. i worked with multnomah co homeless survey. most campers i spoke with have no interest of staying in a shelter, because they can not buy or sell or do drugs there. they say shelters are unsafe, but that's just the sound bite!most homeless are able bodied white men. if sites are set up, they need to be monitored by the police to discourage lawlessness. and the law regarding littering needs to be enforced please. people should have to either pay to camp or do community service for the hours to pay for a permit. on our residential street, young men lived/sold fentanyl, out of their van surrounded by garbage..we were always woken up by screaming and arguments. One young man set himself and his car on fire on our street. another guy came at me with a knife when i was calling for help for him. We are crippling these people by letting them camp and not believing they can contribute. if sites are set up, people should have to either pay to camp or do community service for the hours to pay for a

permit! we have loved moving to springfield, where i can safely walk, ride my bike, go to the store without worrying about feces from unwashed hands on the products. We need these people back contributing in our communities. Do not cripple them by feeling sorry. and i certainly don't want to pay for their apartment or house if they can't even pick up garbage. and yes, we have to provide garbage disposal possibilities, but even with that provided, they don't seem to get that basic requirement covered. Fires from homeless sites doubled in two years! I think camping inside city limits should be prohibited and that if camping is allowed, case workers should be assigned to each tent and those residing inside to ensure they are rehabilitated to their situations such as: sheltered needs, mental health needs, missing or endangered, felony and drug activities to resolve this matter.

This is a ridiculous consideration. Why would we want to allow public camping ? What separates Springfield vs Eugene is the trash and homelessness problem. Why in the heck would we in Springfield want to promote this ?? We would not be compassionate to the homeless/ Houseless by allowing this in our city limits ! We would be enabling this ! Stop pretending like this is a good or compassionate idea !!

No.

Please enlist help from St Vincent dePaul and visit the Eugene Service Station to get ideas on what works. After visiting there I saw so many people who were abandoned by the mental "health" system, with obvious symptoms of schizophrenia and bi-polar mania. Was truly heartbreaking.

Limit camping on public property as much as possible and support private property rights for limiting unauthorized camping.

I live in Eugene, I see unhoused & some of the problems there. I'm just north of downtown and nothing alarming personally, just that I see the results of fairly loose unhoused regulations. Springfield seems to have been proactive in handling the unhoused, panhandling, and crime. But, compassion along with protecting business interests & residents should be considered from a mutually beneficial standpoint.

There are a lot of homeless people that have issues. But most of us seem to be a paycheck or disaster away from being in their place. There are services, yes. But it still takes time for people to get on their feet, sometimes years, especially if they are addicted, disabled, or having other issues. Rent is high for most people, and those with low incomes or those with disability pay (about \$800) have trouble affording it. The some of shelters are in places that seem out of reach, and have a four night stay limit. Rehab, unless covered by OHP, can be very expensive in addition to the intimidation one might feel going into it. Shelters can be still be dangerous, lack volunteers, and be uncomfortably religious for some. For those whose homelessness is not tied to addiction, a lot of the resources can be a little uncomfortable because they are connected to addiction services.. A lot of people I have seen just camp in the trees somewhere so they will not be noticed. The other day, a man's hands were so chapped they were bleeding, another was

young and sitting in the gutter, I hear a mentally ill woman scream almost every time I am in downtown Eugene and she's been being assaulted, but no one can help her. I saw another man who was barefoot in the rain. (Socks and underwear are pretty important, btw.) I don't know. I guess my point is that we may be intimidated by these people, but many of them are just trying to get by, and it's heartbreaking to see them already. The sooner we can address the causes of their homelessness and find them places to live the better for everybody.

Cannot let our parks become campgrounds. We have campgrounds, our neighborhood parks are not them. Also, public property is just that, public and should not become camping zones.

There should be no camping in city limits. I do not want to turn in to Eugene or Portland

The code should prohibit camping in the city limits

I'm horrified that the city can't come up with a better solution than just letting people camp where they want. How about setting up some designated areas and enforcing it? I don't want to see Springfield turn into Eugene. It's a disgusting garbage dump now.

Springfield is so much better without the campers/tents, it will be sad if that changes

Stay out of Springfield

No

Just place the camps close to police station for best way to monitor them following the rules.

The state of Oregon ignores federal laws sanctuary state is a violation of federal law giving driver's license to illegal immigrants is a violation of federal law all the drugs on the street that are legal knowledge violation of federal law they ignore the laws they want Springfield should ignore this law and keep our city clean

You ask How do you feel about camping on public property with a 24-hour time limit? * I agree with camping on public property. I don't agree with 24-hour time limit. To have to continue to migrate is exhausting and futile.

Access to bathrooms and garbage receptacles will be important. Having some stability will allow folks to access assistance that can help them move off the streets.

God help them

Providing restrooms, trash pick up, and access to food and services near campsites is critical

Please build shelters like huts or tiny homes and have a space where people can put a tent in peace with amenities

I know that the sight of people suffering, in pain, and not having enough is uncomfortable for some folks to see. At the end of the day, these are human beings who deserve respect and help just like anyone else. No one should be criminalized or outcast for being poor. That being said, I think some clear rules/boundaries would help create a framework for people seeking and giving help.

If camping is provided in certain areas, other services need to also be provided. People will need restroom facilities, garbage clean-up, and other general services.

I have young kids and I am worried that the public parks here in Springfield will turn into unsafe and unsanitary like they are in Eugene. I think that if Springfield is going to allow camping in public they need to keep it safe and sanitary. I'm worried that public drug use will become worse.

No camping at all. These people often pay no taxes for the maintenance of said locations. How are you possibly going to enforce camping regulations when these people have no money to pay fines and the jails won't keep them. Too many people work too hard to pay good money to live near beautiful public parks which, as history shows, the homeless* have no respect for. *obviously there are specific homeless that do not cause issue but they are few and far between.

I'm very concerned about the safety of children in the vicinity of public parks.