

Subject: City of Sweet Home

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From: Steven Anderson

To: Julie Fisher

Hello,

My name is Steven Anderson. I have lived in Sweet Home for the past 12 years. When I moved into town I thought it was a beautiful area filled with very nice people. I used to tell people all about my favorite new town, but that has slowly changed over the last 5-6 years. It all started to go down hill when the property taxes started to expand at what can only be an unreasonable rate. I don't understand how our community can be close to the poorest town in Oregon, yet sit right near the top (7th highest out of 36 counties according to 2021 tax records) in property tax. But because of all the people that I have met, this can be overlooked. What can not be overlooked however is the introduction of a "homeless camp" right next to our neighborhoods. I have spent my fair share of time in alternate housing, and the number one thing I've learned is most individuals that live that lifestyle have no issue using and abusing whatever system they can latch onto. It might start out ok with only a few "good and decent" people, but it always happens, eventually it starts to go downhill. Sometimes the money dries up, sometimes people just don't have the time to take care of it any more. Any way it happens, it becomes a problem for the community. Drugs and alcohol will come in no matter what the council says or does, and that won't be the worst. I'm usually keen on reading "signs" that are given to me, and maybe this is the sign I need to finally leave this community behind. I'm sure you have heard from many others on the subject, but feel it is my duty as (currently) a member of this community to let you know I oppose not only the site location, but having a homeless camp altogether. I hope you can join me in my sentiment. Thank you for your time and willingness to serve your community.