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Massillon City Council set to reconsider proposed camping ban

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MASSILLON – City Council plans to revisit a proposal to outlaw camping in public areas.

Council had voted 5-4 two weeks ago to defeat the legislation, which was designed to deter people who may be homeless from sleeping overnight or staying long-term on public sidewalks, streets, property, alleyways and in doorways.

But members agreed 9-0 on Dec. 1 to bring back the issue with plans for further discussion and changes such as a verbal warning to individuals staying in prohibited areas prior to police issuing a citation and a referral to services.



Lewis

“We want (law enforcement) to come first with support and direction, and follow-up later (if needed),” Councilman Ed Lewis said. “I think our policy should show a supportive hand.”

Mayor Jamie Slutz, who proposed the legislation a few weeks ago, has said he wanted a law enacted so police can take action if camping becomes a public hazard or nuisance. He also wants people in need to receive assistance.

The previous proposal carried a misdemeanor charge and \$50 fine.

Councilwoman Holly Bryan-Huth said more discussion on the camping ban would be helpful.

“I’d like to make sure the processes



Bryan-Huth

are there for (needy) people,” she said.

The camping ban legislation is slated for a vote at council’s next regular meeting, which is Dec. 15. Members are likely to mull any changes or amendments at their Dec. 8 work session.

Camping bans gaining momentum in municipalities nationwide

Many U.S. cities have enacted such bans since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled last year that communities could

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Charlie, a 3-year-old golden retriever, wearing his “Air Bud” jersey from the upcoming movie “Air Bud Returns,” shows off his basketball skills at his Jackson Township home.

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Movie star dog from Stark County is handing out ‘pawtographs’

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JACKSON TWP. – Charlie the golden retriever has become a celebrity before he even gallops across the big screen next year in the new “Air Bud” movie.

A mailman insisted that he get to meet the

lovable and athletic pooch. Another fan handwrote a letter to Sara Wilson, who owns Charlie, along with her husband, son and daughter. People also congratulated the family when Sara was attending a high school sporting event.

Bigger yet is a professionally made sign stretching across the front yard of Charlie’s home on Braucher Street NW.

“Welcome Home Air Bud,” it declares in glittery blue-and-white lettering. Adorning the reusable corrugated plastic yard sign are decorative stars, a clapperboard, basketballs,

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NIL deals for Ohio prep athletes are 2026 target for lawmakers

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An Ohio State football commit successfully sued to profit off his name, image and likeness. Then, the Ohio High School Athletic Association voted to allow NIL for high school students statewide.

But Ohio lawmakers could undo all of that by banning NIL deals for students in grades 7 through 12 as soon as next year.

Rep. Adam Bird, R-New Richmond, plans to introduce a bill in 2026 to prohibit high school and middle school students from profiting from NIL, WEWS first reported. Bird told the statehouse bureau that Ohio’s young athletes shouldn’t face the pressure of making money from their sport.

“Sports should be about fun and learning and growing,” said Bird, a former coach and school superintendent. “It’s absurd to think that the athletes are going to now make more money than the coach or the referee or the bus driver that’s hired to bus them to the games.”

But attorney Luke Fedlam, who sued to allow OSU commit Jamier Brown to benefit from up to \$100,000 in potential deals, said state lawmakers shouldn’t strip thousands of deserving students of this opportunity.

“If legislators were to ban high school name, image and likeness, it certainly puts high school student athletes in the state of Ohio at a

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