

## **LANSING IS USING THE COURTS TO SWEEP AN ENCAMPMENT. THIS IS A WARNING.**

The City of Lansing has filed a lawsuit against two small businesses near Dietrich Park—113 W Michigan LLC and JAJ Property LLC—because unhoused residents have dared to survive near or on their properties. [Camp Lawsuit Documents](#)

On **August 13, 2025**, the city will ask **Judge Aquilina** for an injunction that would force these residents out with **NOWHERE to go**.

And here's what makes this beyond outrageous:

- Lansing has publicly acknowledged the need for a **sanctioned encampment** and even explored how it could work.
- They approved **permits for the Mobile Health Unit** to do outreach at this exact encampment.
- City officials have **admitted there are not enough accessible shelter beds**.
- Lansing has spent **taxpayer dollars** on research and reports that recommend *real* solutions—on top of the free knowledge they've been given by advocates, outreach workers, and state lawmakers.
- And Mayor Andy Schor himself has **expressed support for a Homeless Bill of Rights**, even trying to get buy-in from other cities.

They've said all the right words. They've held the meetings. They've done the research.

### **And THIS is the “solution” they came up with? A lawsuit?**

A lawsuit that weaponizes the courts to erase people, to make them someone else's problem, to make them disappear—while the city washes its hands and calls it progress.

This isn't just paperwork. It's a **blueprint for future sweeps**.

If Lansing wins this case, they will have a legal roadmap to clear every encampment in the city by forcing private businesses to do their dirty work. And every time they do it, unhoused residents will lose what little stability they have left.

Ask yourself:

Where will these residents go when they're displaced AGAIN?

Are we really going to accept lawsuits as housing policy?

What does it mean when a city says the right things in public but uses the courts to do the opposite?

This is about more than Dietrich Park. **It's about whether we let Lansing set a precedent that survival itself is a crime.**

Where are you allowed to exist? If the City will force you off public property, businesses will be sued by the City to force you off their property, shelters are full, and you can't afford the housing around you? Where can you exist?

We cannot allow the City to weaponize the courts in this way. **Displacement is not a solution. Housing is.**

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

**Share this post**—make sure people know what's happening.

**Demand the following: Drop the lawsuit, implement a sanctioned encampment the city already acknowledges is needed, actually invest in actually accessible shelter and housing options**

**Show up August 13, 2025 at 2PM at Veterans Memorial Courthouse, Courtroom 5** to stand with the residents of Dietrich Encampment.

**SPEAK OUT AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** (Next one is 7/28/2025 @ 7PM)

Lansing doesn't need more backdoor sweeps. It needs housing. And it needs accountability.

-Khadja Erickson

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One of the many community meals hosted at the camp. Community LIVES HERE!



Another angle of a community meal. Community LIVES here!



Mayor of Lansing, Andy Schor

**AUGUST 13**  
**COURTROOM 5**  
**VETERANS MEMORIAL COURTHOUSE**  
**2PM**  
**313 W Kalamazoo St**