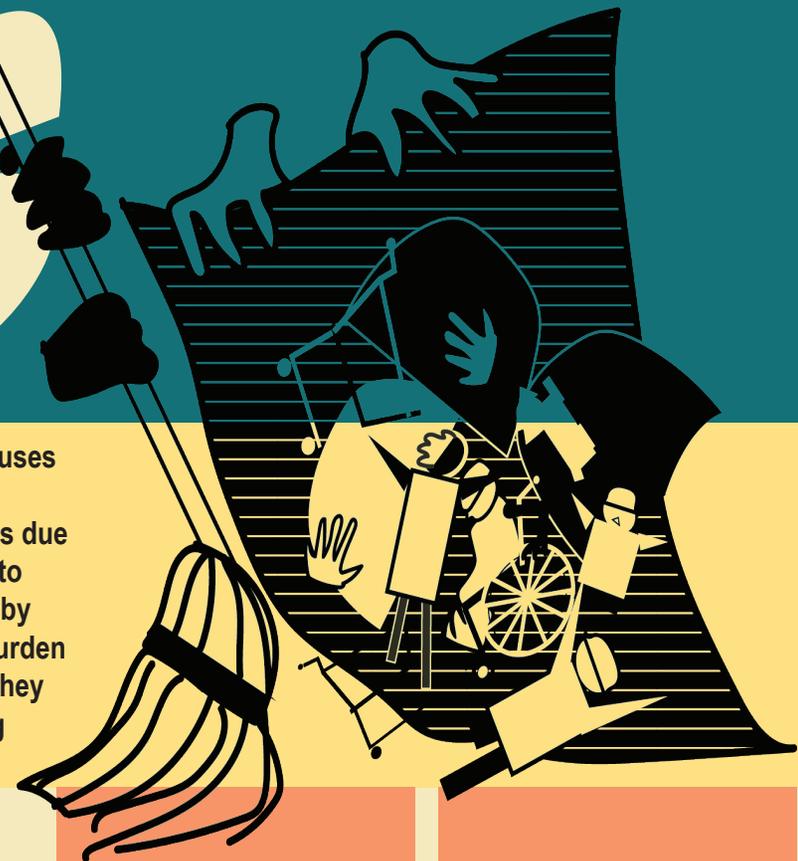


SWEEPS



**DO THEY
WORK?** NO.

No. They address only the 'sin of visibility', not the root causes of homelessness. If sweeps were working, they would have worked by now. The large majority who don't receive services due to lack of appropriate shelter simply move from one location to another -- swept under the rug, an unending cycle driven not by data but by complaints. Sweeps are expensive, disruptive, burden local budgets and resources and are self-defeating because they require significant dollars which could be put toward creating shelter and housing options.

**ARE THEY
LEGAL?** NO.

No. On September 4, 2018, the 9th Circuit ruled in *Martin v. Boise* that ordinances prohibiting homeless individuals from sleeping or camping on public property are unconstitutional when those individuals do not have a meaningful alternative, such as shelter space or a legal place to camp. Punishing people who cannot obtain shelter for sitting, sleeping, or lying outside on public property is "cruel and unusual punishment" (8TH AMENDMENT).

2,300

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF
PEOPLE IN PIERCE COUNTY
NEEDING SHELTER

1,000

AVAILABLE SHELTER BEDS
(INCLUDING SAFE PARKING)

**CAN WE DO
BETTER?** YES.

**ESTABLISH SAFE, LEGAL
PLACES TO CAMP AND PARK**

**STRIKE DOWN ILLEGAL ORDINANCES
CRIMINALIZING HOMELESSNESS**

**INVEST IN HOUSING FOR
THOSE MOST IN NEED**

**DISPEL THE MYTHS --
HOMELESSNESS IS NOT A CHOICE**

**I CAN'T PAY
RENT**



**SAFE SHELTER FIRST
DON'T TAKE MY
TENT**