

Wildlife/Fisheries Committee 9/21/2024

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The Problem: Houses that are storing garbage overnight in outside receptacles, and construction workers who are throwing food into dumpsters, are attracting bears and causing them to regularly visit the neighborhood. As a result, bears are destroying garbage receptacles, spreading garbage throughout the neighborhood and causing property damage to homes and vehicles. A bear's home range is large and attracting a bear to an individual property potentially affects the entire community.

1. **Effective immediately** no trash can be stored outside overnight by property owners or renters. No trash cans or containers can be visible and must be stored in a garage, crawl space or other enclosed space at all times to prevent animal access. If pickup service for trash is contracted for, containers must be covered and put out only on the day of pickup and empty containers put away the same day. Violators will be given one formal warning by the Board of Directors and will be assessed a fine of \$250.00 for each additional incident. If bears get into improperly stored garbage, it will be the homeowner's responsibility to have the garbage cleaned up immediately. It is not the responsibility of CRC employees to clean up garbage.
2. All outside trash containers must be removed by October 31, 2024. If containers are not removed by that date property owners will be given one formal warning by the Board of Directors and will be assessed a fine of \$250.00 for each additional incident.

3. **Effective immediately** feeding bears, deer or other wildlife by placing food or garbage outside is prohibited (i.e. corn, other grain products, wildlife food mixes, food residue, salt and mineral blocks). Feeding birds is allowed but bring feeders inside overnight. Violators will be given one formal warning by the Board of Directors and will be assessed a fine of \$250.00 for each additional incident.

4. All contractors who are performing construction work in Cliff Ridge must provide a bear proof garbage container for workers to dispose of food and food related trash and **take trash along with them daily**. No food or drink related trash is to be placed in construction dumpsters. Violators will be given one formal warning by the Board of Directors and the property owner will be assessed a fine of \$250.00 for each additional incident.