

1 15A NCAC 10A .1503 is proposed for adoption under temporary procedures as follows:

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3 **15A NCAC 10A .1503 NEGLIGENTLY FEEDING OR ATTRACTING BEARS**

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5 The feeding of black bears and the placement of food or food products that attract black bears are prohibited in
6 Buncombe County. This prohibition shall not apply to the feeding of birds, pets, or livestock, or the lawful use of bait
7 to take game animals, including the lawful placement of bait under 15A NCAC 10B .0202 (b), unless the activity
8 constitutes an attractant that is determined by the Commission to create the potential for injury or death to humans or
9 domestic animals or cause damage to property.

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11 *History Note: Authority G.S.113-132(b); 113-134; 113-291.1(b)(2); 113-294(r)*

12 *Emergency Adoption Eff. October 12, 2026.*