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Short Title: Downtown Service District Definition.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION IN THE
MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICT LAW.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 160A-536(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Downtown Revitalization Defined. – As used in this section "downtown revitalization projects" are improvements, services, functions, promotions, and developmental activities intended to further the public health, safety, welfare, convenience, and economic well-being of the central city or downtown area. Exercise of the authority granted by this Article to undertake downtown revitalization projects financed by a service district do not prejudice a city's authority to undertake urban renewal projects in the same area. Examples of downtown revitalization projects include by way of illustration but not limitation all of the following:

- (1) ~~improvements~~ Improvements to water mains, sanitary sewer mains, storm sewer mains, electric power distribution lines, gas mains, street lighting, streets and sidewalks, including rights-of-way and ~~easements therefor, the construction~~ easements.
- (2) Construction of pedestrian malls, bicycle paths, overhead pedestrian walkways, sidewalk canopies, and parking facilities both on-street and ~~off-street, and other improvements~~ off-street.
- (3) Construction of public buildings, restrooms, docks, visitor centers, and tourism facilities.
- (4) ~~Improvements intended~~ to relieve traffic congestion in the central city, city and improve pedestrian and vehicular access thereto, reduce to it.
- (5) Improvements to reduce the incidence of ~~crime therein, and generally to further the public health, safety, welfare, and convenience by promoting the economic health of the central city or downtown area. In addition, a downtown revitalization project may, in order to revitalize a downtown area and further the public health, safety, welfare, and convenience, include the provision of~~ crime in the central city.
- (6) Providing city services or functions in addition to or to a greater extent than those provided or maintained for the entire city. ~~A downtown revitalization project may also include promotion and developmental activities (such as sponsoring~~
- (6) Sponsoring festivals and markets in the downtown area, promoting business investment in the downtown area, helping to coordinate public and private



1 actions in the downtown area, and developing and issuing publications on
2 the downtown area) ~~designed to improve the economic well being of the~~
3 ~~downtown area and further the public health, safety, welfare, and~~
4 ~~convenience. Exercise of the authority granted by this Article to undertake~~
5 ~~downtown revitalization projects financed by a service district shall not~~
6 ~~prejudice the city's authority to undertake urban renewal projects in the same~~
7 ~~area."~~

8 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.