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S 54. MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE SERVICE DISTRICTS. Filed 2/3/09. *TO AUTHORIZE CREATION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICTS FOR DRAINAGE.*

Amends GS 160A-536(a) by adding *drainage* to the list of services, facilities, or functions that may be provided or maintained for an entire city. Provides a definition for *drainage*, for the purposes of subdivision (2c), to mean only increasing the number of ditches within corporate city limits to handle the collection and drainage of stormwater and investing in other public work projects that will serve to reduce flooding and improve the welfare of the real property owners and residents of the municipality. Clarifies that this authorization is in addition to that provided for drainage projects.

Enacts a new GS 160A-537.1 to establish additional requirements for a district created for drainage purposes as follows: (1) that voters of the municipality must approve by referendum, in a county general election or a regular municipal election, the exercise of that power; and (2) upon that voter approval, the municipality is authorized to levy a maximum district property tax of \$1.50 on the \$100 appraised value of real property located within the district.

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