

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

**SESSION LAW 2001-261
SENATE BILL 408**

**AN ACT TO ALLOW LARGE CITIES TO MAKE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS
IN THEIR EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 160A-296 reads as rewritten:

"§ 160A-296. Establishment and control of streets; center and edge lines.

(a) A city shall have general authority and control over all public streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges, and other ways of public passage within its corporate limits except to the extent that authority and control over certain streets and bridges is vested in the Board of Transportation. General authority and control includes but is not limited to:

- (1) The duty to keep the public streets, sidewalks, alleys, and bridges in proper repair;
- (2) The duty to keep the public streets, sidewalks, alleys, and bridges open for travel and free from unnecessary obstructions;
- (3) The power to open new streets and alleys, and to widen, extend, pave, clean, and otherwise improve existing streets, sidewalks, alleys, and bridges, and to acquire the necessary land therefor by dedication and acceptance, purchase, or eminent domain;
- (4) The power to close any street or alley either permanently or temporarily;
- (5) The power to regulate the use of the public streets, sidewalks, alleys, and bridges;
- (6) The power to regulate, license, and prohibit digging in the streets, sidewalks, or alleys, or placing therein or thereon any pipes, poles, wires, fixtures, or appliances of any kind either on, above, or below the surface;
- (7) The power to provide for lighting the streets, alleys, and bridges of the city; and
- (8) The power to grant easements in street rights-of-way as permitted by G.S. 160A-273.

(a1) A city with a population of 250,000 or over according to the most recent decennial federal census may also exercise the power granted by subdivision (a)(3) of this section within its extraterritorial planning jurisdiction. Before a city makes improvements under this subsection, it shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Transportation to provide for maintenance.

(b) Repealed by Session Laws 1991, c. 530, s. 6."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 25th day of
June, 2001.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 10:53 a.m. this 4th day of July, 2001