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City Installs New Crosswalk Features Downtown

The City of Sumter has installed additional roadway crosswalk markers in front of the Opera House, 21 N. Main Street, as well as the crosswalk in front of the Liberty Center, 112 W. Liberty Street.

“We have created an environment to bring more people to our Downtown and we want to make it as safe as possible,” stated Mayor Joe McElveen. “The signs increase crosswalk visibility and demonstrate our intention to make Sumter a more pedestrian-friendly city.

The new signs are clearly visible day and night and sit in the middle of the street facing both directions. According to South Carolina law once a pedestrian is within a crosswalk, drivers must slow down or stop, if needed, to allow pedestrians to safely cross. Once a driver is stopped at a crosswalk, it is also illegal for any other vehicle approaching from the rear to overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

“I hope similar efforts will be made so that every crosswalk in the City is as visible,” stated McElveen. The mayor also said that he hopes publicity for the new crosswalks will increase awareness among Sumter pedestrians and motorists of the rules for crosswalks.

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