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Signs to display Clemson historic, cultural sites

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CLEMSON – The first of what Clemson officials say will be 13 signs directing individuals to historic and cultural sites throughout the city has been installed.

Clemson Assistant City Administrator Andy Blondeau said the way finding sign was installed on U.S. Highway 76 before the turnoff to Clemson City Hall.

"Those will be primarily for places that serve tourists," Blondeau said. "Right now, they will show places such as The Arts Center, Clemson African-American Museum, Nettles Park, Osher Lifelong Learning Center, Abernathy Waterfront Park, Downtown Clemson and the Downtown Parking Deck," Blondeau said.

Blondeau pointed out that the signs will especially be used to assist visitors that have experienced difficulty finding various sites in the city.

The latest signs, estimated at $2,400 each, come nearly three years after a dozen way finding signs were installed in downtown Clemson.

"We want to be sure that the initial sign now in place meets SCDOT (South Carolina Department of Transportation) standards before ordering more," Blondeau said, adding there is a little more than $30,000 in the city's budget to cover the costs of the 13 signs. "We will have to do an encroachment permit with the South Carolina Department of Transportation to get permission to put the signs in these new places. City Council will inspect the sign and, once approved and all locations signed off, I will start ordering the signs."

The new signs are ones Blondeau said won't look like the ones currently on College Avenue. Blondeau said two to three older freestanding signs will also be placed on some of the off roads.



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The City of Clemson has installed a new way finding sign on U.S. Highway 76, directing visitors to historic and cultural sites. Officials say this is the first of 13 such signs they plan to eventually install once City Council and the South Carolina Department of Transportation gives final approval.

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