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DEPARTMENT: Planning, Public Works, Police

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INFORMATION: During the week of April 27th, several inquiries were made to Town Staff regarding potential modifications which would enhance pedestrian safety. These particular modifications are tailored to this time when traffic volumes are decreased, the number of people walking is increased, and people are attempting to maintain proper social distancing in limited public right of way. A number of requests have been vetted by staff and the following items are presented to Council for consideration:

1. An enhanced education campaign using the Watch For Me NC branding to provide safety information;
2. Installation of signage on E Poplar Ave @ W Main St indicating “Local Traffic Only”;
3. Installation of temporary, all-way, stop control at the intersection of Robert Hunt Dr and Richard Dixon Ct, a Town Code amendment is required for this change and can be found as Attachment B;
    a. The need for this device will be reassessed in the future when travel patterns begin to normalize and the need for social distancing is reduced;
4. Installation of a banner or small chloroplast sign near W Main St & W Weaver St that can be reproduced and placed around town indicating the need to be careful while driving around town and watch for people walking.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: There will be staff time associated with development of the education campaign, staff time for installation and material costs related to the signage requested.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that Council consider the resolution (Attachment A) and provide comments as desired.