

Downtown Lafayette gets special tax-free designation

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The Acadiana Center for the Arts is hosting a ceremony in honor of downtown Lafayette being designated as a Louisiana Cultural Products District by the State Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. The event is set for 4 p.m. Saturday. Original works of art including visual arts and crafts sold in the district are now exempt from the state sales tax of 4%. In addition, this designation expands tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic structures and properties located within cultural products districts. "Creating this Cultural Products District will bring even more young, creative people to downtown Lafayette to start a business, open a gallery or develop live/work/studio space," says Gerd Wuestermann, executive director of the Acadiana Center for the Arts. With more than a dozen galleries, four museums and the Acadiana Center for the Arts theater, downtown Lafayette is already known as a hub of cultural activity in Acadiana. For more information or to RSVP to the ceremony, call 337-233-7060 or email [here](#).