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Kinston Main Street report shows strong growth in downtown

In its annual statement to North Carolina's Main Street offices in Raleigh, the Pride of Kinston described a picture of strong development in the city's main business district.

The statement, submitted today, reports that 18 new enterprises opened their doors in downtown Kinston during the period July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015. The new businesses reported that they added 77 full time jobs and 41 part time jobs to the inner city economy during the year. *(Note: The Beauty Box complex contains 4 business units.)*

The list includes five new start ups which opened for business in the Kinston Enterprise Center during the year.

The report lists nine major building rehabilitation projects undertaken in the 12 months period which includes six businesses which installed new facades, most with Pride support.

The report also describes private and public investments in the downtown totaling nearly \$10 million during the same period.

"Last year was a good year for downtown Kinston," commented Adrian King, director of Pride. "All the credit goes to our entrepreneurs and business people who take the risk to open new enterprises. We thank every one of them."