FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

| Washington, | D.C. | 20549 |
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Green William C  |        |  |                  | AF             | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     ARBOR REALTY TRUST INC [ ABR ]      3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) |   |     |          |  |  |          |  | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     Director |   |                      |                                       |   |  |  |
|--|--------|--|------------------|----------------|--|---|-----|----------|--|--|----------|--|---|---|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| (Last)   | (F     | irst)                                      | (Middle)         |                |  | 03/17/2023  |     |          |  |  |          |  |   | bel   |                      |                                       | below)  | peomy  |  |
| C/O ARBOR REALTY TRUST   |        |  |                  |                | 4. If  | If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |     |          |  |  |          |  |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable |                      |                                       |   |  |  |
| 333 EARLE OVINGTON BLVD., SUITE 900  |        |  |                  |                |  |   |     |          |  |  |          |  | Lin   | Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person           |                      |                                       |   |  |  |
| (Street) UNIONI  | DALE N | Y  | 11553            |                |  |   |     |          |  |  |          |  |   | Fo  | m filed by Mo<br>son |                                       | •   | - 1  |  |
|  |        |  |                  |                | · Rι   | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication   |     |          |  |  |          |  | 1   |   |                      |                                       |   |  |  |
| (City)   | (S     | tate)                                      | (Zip)            |                |  | Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See In |     |          |  |  |          |  |   |   |                      |                                       |   |  |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |        |  |                  |                |  |   |     |          |  |  |          |  |   |   |                      |                                       |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da   |        |  |                  |                | Execution Date,  |   |     | Code (Ir | Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |  |          |  | Secu<br>Bene<br>Own   | icially<br>d Following                                | Form<br>(D) o        | m: Direct<br>or Indirect<br>Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |  |
|  |        |  |                  |                |  |   |     | Code     | v  | Amount (A) or (D)  |          | r<br>Price   | Tran  | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)        |                      |                                       | msu. 4)   |  |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |        |  |                  |                |  |   |     |          |  |  |          |  |   |   |                      |                                       |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)  1. Title of Conversion Exercion Fixer of Derivative Security                                     |        | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Execution if any | xecution Date, |  | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)   |     | ı of E   |  | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |          | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Securi<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | 8. Price<br>Derivati<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5         |                      | s<br>Ily                              | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4  | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |        |  |                  |                | Code   | Code V  |     | (D)      | Date<br>Exercisable                      |  | piration | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares  |   |                      |                                       |   |  |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units   | (1)    | 03/17/2023                                 |                  |                | A <sup>(1)</sup>   |   | 241 |          | (1)                                      |  | (1)      | Common<br>Stock,<br>par value<br>\$0.01 per<br>share   | 241   | \$11.19   | 17,18                | 0                                     | D   |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. On March 17, 2023, Mr. Green received 241 fully vested restricted stock units ("RSUs") of Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Company") in lieu of the dividend equivalent due on Mr. Green's existing RSUs and paid by the Company on March 17, 2023. Mr. Green has elected to defer his dividend equivalents and receipt of the common stock into which the RSUs are converted until his service as a director is terminated, or sooner upon a change in control, pursuant to a pre-established deferral election.

/s/ Maysa Vahidi, Attorney-in-Fact for William C. Green

03/21/2023

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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