FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  FARRELL EDWARD J						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARBOR REALTY TRUST INC [ ABR ]								eck all appli X Directo	licable) tor		erson(s) to Issuer  10% Owner	
(Last) C/O ARI 333 EAR	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/11/2022									Office below)	cer (give title ow)		Other (s below)	pecify				
(Street) UNIONI (City)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)      X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person								
Table I - Non-Deriva  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D					ction 2A. Deemed Execution Date,			3. Transa Code (	ction	4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3,			5. Amount of		Form	: Direct Indirect E str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Seneficial Ownership Instr. 4)	
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Restricted Stock Units	(1)	03/11/2022		I	<b>\</b> (1)		6,253		(1)		(1)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	6,253	\$0	6,253		D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. On March 11, 2022, Mr. Farrell was granted 6,253 fully vested restricted stock units ("RSUs") of Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Company") pursuant to the Company's 2020 Amended Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan. Mr. Farrell has elected to defer 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 preestablished deferral election.

> /s/ John Bishar, Attorney-in-Fact for Edward J. Farrell

03/15/2022

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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