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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>Ridings Thomas J.</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br>C/O ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC.<br>333 EARLE OVINGTON BLVD., SUITE 900<br><br>(Street)<br>UNIONDALE NY 11553<br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>ARBOR REALTY TRUST INC [ ABR ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>Chief Accounting Officer</u> |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>09/09/2021</u>                |  |
|  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                             |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)          | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |         | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|---------|---|--|---|
|  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 09/09/2021                           |  | A                              |   | 2,207   | A          | (1)     | 106,435   | D  |   |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 09/09/2021                           |  | F <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 360   | D          | \$18.12 | 106,075   | D  |   |

**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) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Shares of common stock par value \$0.01 per share of Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Company") granted pursuant to the Company's 2020 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan. One third vest on the date of grant, one third vest in one year and one third vest in two years.
- Represents shares that have been withheld by the Company to satisfy tax-withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of common stock.

/s/ John Bishar, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas J. Ridings 09/10/2021

\*\* 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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