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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Harris John W. III			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC., 4401 COLWICK ROAD			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/30/2020								ow)
(Street) CHARLOTTE, NC 28211			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
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	Relationships				
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Harris John W. III C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 4401 COLWICK ROAD CHARLOTTE, NC 28211	X				

Signatures

/s/ John W. Harris III	05/01/2020
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Restricted stock granted pursuant to the Sonic Automotive, Inc. 2012 Formula Restricted Stock and Deferral Plan for Non-Employee Directors, Amended and Restated Effective as of April 29, 2020.

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