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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 * DYKE JEFF			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) (First) (M		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)				
C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC., 4401 COLWICK ROAD			(Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2018	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP of Operations				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
CHARLOTTE, NC 28211			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				

(City)	(State) ((Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Securities	Acquired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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 Acquir or(A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Pr		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

		Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	
Class A Common Stock	03/31/2018	F		4,668 (1)	D	\$ 18.95	1,316,669	D

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DYKE JEFF C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 4401 COLWICK ROAD CHARLOTTE, NC 28211

EVP of Operations

Signatures

/s/ Jeff Dyke 04/03/2018 **Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).
- Represents shares delivered by the reporting person to Sonic Automotive, Inc. to satisfy withholding tax obligations due upon vesting of restricted stock units.

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