

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HERBST FREDERICK C</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>333 EARLE OVINGTON BOULEVARD</u> <u>SUITE 900</u> (Street) <u>UNIONDALE NY 11553</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/06/2004</u> | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ARBOR REALTY TRUST INC [ABR]</u> 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <div>Director10% Owner</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)Other (specify below)</div> <div>CFO and Treasurer</div> 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</div> <div>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</div> |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|---|--|---|
| <u>Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share</u> | <u>24,000⁽¹⁾</u> | <u>D</u> | |

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
| <u>Warrants</u> | <u>(2)</u> | <u>07/01/2005</u> | <u>Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share</u> | <u>4,000</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>D</u> | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. 20,000 shares currently underlie 4,000 Units. Each Unit consists of five shares of Common Stock, and one warrant to purchase an additional share of Common Stock (the "Units").
2. The 4,000 warrants currently underlie 4,000 Units. The warrants do not become exercisable until after the shares of Common Stock underlying the Units are registered under the Securities Act and are either listed on a national securities exchange or The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc.

/s/ Frederick C. Herbst 04/06/2004
** 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 5 (b)(v).

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