

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC  
Form 8-K  
October 15, 2014

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)**  
**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 14, 2014**

**SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**

**(State or other jurisdiction**  
**of incorporation)**

**1-13395**  
**(Commission**

**56-2010790**  
**(IRS Employer**

**File Number)**

**Identification No.)**

**4401 Colwick Road**

**Charlotte, North Carolina**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**28211**  
**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (704) 566-2400**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)**

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(d) On October 14, 2014, the Board of Directors of Sonic Automotive, Inc. (the Company) elected John W. Harris, III, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of Lincoln Harris, LLC, a privately held commercial real estate company, to the Company's Board as a director, effective that day, with a term expiring at the Company's 2015 annual meeting of stockholders. Concurrent with his election as a director, Mr. Harris was appointed to the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors, and as Vice Chairman of the Compensation Committee. There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Harris and any other persons pursuant to which he was selected as a director. There are no transactions involving the Company and Mr. Harris that the Company would be required to report pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

In connection with his election to the Board, Mr. Harris received a grant of 3,105 restricted shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock pursuant to the Sonic Automotive, Inc. 2012 Formula Restricted Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors. Mr. Harris also will be entitled to receive compensation for his Board and committee service in accordance with the Company's Director Compensation Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

10.1 Director Compensation Policy

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

Date: October 15, 2014

By: /s/ Stephen K. Coss  
Stephen K. Coss  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

**Exhibit**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.1	Director Compensation Policy