SONIC CORP Form 4 January 14, 2008

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Townsend Vance Todd

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

SONIC CORP [SONC]

(Check all applicable)

(First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

01/10/2008

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) Vice President and CMO

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104

300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and An Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Sec Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed or (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:			
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A C N
Incentive stock option (right to buy)	\$ 22.24	01/10/2008		A	4,496	01/10/2011(1)	01/10/2015	Common Stock	
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 22.24	01/10/2008		A	43,235	01/10/2011(1)	01/10/2015	Common Stock	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owner Maine / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Townsend Vance Todd 300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104

Vice President and CMO

# **Signatures**

V. Todd Townsend 01/11/2008

\*\*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).
- (1) One-third of the total number of options granted on January 10, 2008 will vest on each of the first three anniversary dates following the date of grant.

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