

VAUGHAN STEPHEN C
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
VAUGHAN STEPHEN C

(Last) (First) (Middle)
300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE
(Street)

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SONIC CORP [SONC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/14/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Exec. Vice Pres. & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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 Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/14/2012		M	(A) or (D) A	6,912 (1) \$ 0	D	
Common Stock					12,613	I (3)	By 401(k)

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

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(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	01/14/2012		M	6,912	(1) (1)	Common Stock	6,912

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer
VAUGHAN STEPHEN C 300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104			Exec. Vice Pres. & CFO

Signatures

Carolyn C. Cummins for Stephen C. Vaughan
Date: 01/17/2012

**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) Represents shares that vested in accordance with the terms of Restricted Stock Units granted January 14, 2010, providing for vesting of Restricted Stock Units in equal annual installments on each of the first three anniversaries following the date of grant.
- (2) The total number of shares beneficially owned directly includes 1,057 shares held in the 1991 Sonic Corp. Stock Purchase Plan as of January 17, 2012.
- (3) Shares held in the Sonic Corp. 401(k) as of January 17, 2012.

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