ARBOR REALTY TRUST INC Form SC 13G February 28, 2013

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value (Title of Class of Securities)

038923108

(CUSIP Number)

February 20, 2013 (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

EJF Capital LLC

- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) x GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (b) o
- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

2,000,000

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

2,000,000

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,000,000

- 10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) o
- 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

6.2%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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Delaware

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SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

868,128

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

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PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

868,128

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