SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC Form 8-K December 03, 2012

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): December 3, 2012

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

1-13395 (Commission	56-201079 (IRS Employer
File Number)	Identification No.)
4401 Colwick Road	
Charlotte, North Carolina (Address of principal executive offices) Registrant s telephone number, in	28211 (Zip Code) cluding area code: (704) 566-2400
N/A	A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)	
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to sim the following provisions:	ultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any or
" Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Secur	rities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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" Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c	e) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 3, 2012, we issued a press release announcing an amendment to the payment date of a previously announced quarterly cash dividend.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
 - 99.1 Press release of Sonic Automotive, Inc. dated December 3, 2012 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.

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

Dated: December 3, 2012

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 Press release of Sonic Automotive, Inc. dated December 3, 2012