



## Statement of ESG Principles

Arbor Realty Trust, Inc., with its affiliates and subsidiaries (the “Company”) understands and embraces its position as a corporate citizen and the responsibilities that accrue therefrom. The Company believes that a commitment to that corporate responsibility is a key factor in the Company being a contributor to a stronger and fairer economy, a healthier planet, and diverse and inclusive communities. Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) practices and policies help guide the Company in its effort to be a responsible corporate citizen, while remaining vigilant in its commitment to creating optimal value for its shareholders.

This Statement of Principles provides a framework for the Company’s approach to identify and establish from time to time certain ESG goals, objectives and initiatives across its entire business operation.

### ESG Principles

#### ***Environmental: Operating in a manner that fosters sustainability***

The Company is aware of the impact of its business operations on the environment and it will seek to implement lending, other investment and operational strategies that help foster lower carbon usage and reductions in water and other natural resource consumption. In addition, the Company will promote, where possible, “green lending” initiatives, more efficient energy use and other strategies that lead to cleaner air and water.

More specifically, the following are areas of environmental concerns that the Company considers and acts upon:

- Emissions management in its own buildings and in properties on which it lends
- Energy management and conservation in its own buildings and in properties on which it lends
- Green standards in real estate and being a leader in “green lending”

#### ***Social: Investing in the well being of our own people and the communities we serve***

The Company has, among its business lines, a focus on lending to support housing affordability and offers a variety of financial tools to support the housing needs of the communities in which it lends, particularly with a focus on workforce and affordable housing. Similarly, the Company will strive for continuous improvement in maintaining a workforce that is diverse and inclusive, at every level of its operations, including senior management and its Board of Directors.

More specifically, the following are areas of social concerns that the Company considers and acts upon:

- The Company has a Code of Conduct which is reviewed periodically and updated when appropriate, that requires employees to conduct their business dealings with honesty, integrity, fairness and respect for others. The Company understands its obligations to its clients and shareholders and seeks to mitigate conflicts of interest and encourage transparency in its business practices.

- The Company, through its ESG Taskforce is creating a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program and policy to strengthen its workplace and human resource practices in order to attract and retain diverse talent.
- The Company fosters community engagement by partnering with and encouraging employee participation with organizations that support the community through charitable and volunteer support, including those focused on job training and opportunity.

***Governance: A commitment to effective oversight and transparency***

The Company has in place a governance structure with respect to ESG that ensures that its ESG Principles are applied, where possible and appropriate, at every level of the Company's operations, both internally and externally.

More specifically, the following are areas of governance concerns that the Company considers and acts upon:

- An internal ESG Taskforce will monitor the Company's adherence to these ESG Principles and consider, and implement where appropriate, new programs and strategies that are consistent with the ESG Principles.
- The Corporate Governance Committee of the Company's Board or Directors oversees the ESG Taskforce, is regularly advised of its actions, and will report on the Company's progress in support of its ESG Principles to the full Board.
- The Company will maintain on its website an ESG Report which will allow the investing public and other stakeholders to monitor the Company's ESG performance.

**ESG Responsibilities:**

The Company understands the importance of ESG principles in achieving long-term financial success, in uniting its lending functions with environmental and social goals, and in attracting, developing and retaining a talented, diverse and well-regarded workforce. To those ends, the Company encourages a broad understanding of, and accountability for, ESG Principles and actions across the entire organization. In those instances where the Company's ability to influence or control the consideration of ESG issues in connection with its business operations is limited, the Company will use reasonable commercial practices to apply its ESG Principles to the extent practicable.

- The Company's executive management team is responsible for promoting the Company's ESG Principles and for ensuring corporate strategies are developed and implemented in a manner consistent with the Company ESG goals, objectives and initiatives.
- The Company's lending function, and the management responsible for those functions will oversee the integration of ESG Principles into the Company's loan origination processes and will be responsible for ensuring responsible investment practices across all lending platforms and product offerings.
- The Company's dedicated ESG Taskforce will work cross-functionally with relevant internal and external stakeholders to ensure alignment with the Company's ESG Policy.
- The Corporate Governance Committee of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company's General Counsel and the Office of the Corporate Secretary provide oversight over ESG-related policy creation and relevant disclosures.

- The Company's Board of Directors will from time to time consider ESG topics for discussion and appropriate prioritization.
- The Company's Finance and Legal teams will engage from time to time with outside legal and other advisors to remain current of all ESG applicable rules, regulations and reporting obligations.

## **Overall Corporate Responsibility**

While the Company is confident that its ESG Principles are consistent with its commitment to delivering superior performance in its financial results, the Company assures its shareholders, lenders, vendors, counterparties, employees, and all other stakeholders that the ESG Principles will be applied in manner that allows the Company and its management to continue to deliver superior performance in earnings and total shareholder returns.