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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Jansen James C</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>2001 THEURER BLVD.</u> _____ (Street) <u>WINONA MN 55987</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>FASTENAL CO [FAST]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Executive Vice President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/15/2018</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/15/2018		M		10,000	A	\$27	22,588	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2018		S		10,000	D	\$52	12,588	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2018		M		9,758	A	\$27	22,346	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2018		S		9,758	D	\$52.5	12,588	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2018		M		10,000	A	\$27	22,588	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2018		S		10,000	D	\$53.0193	12,588	D	
Common Stock								8,335 ⁽²⁾	I	Held in 401(K) Plan

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$27	05/15/2018		M			10,000	(I)	05/31/2018	Common Stock	10,000	\$0	19,758	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$27	05/15/2018		M			9,758	(I)	05/31/2018	Common Stock	9,758	\$0	10,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$27	05/16/2018		M			10,000	(I)	05/31/2018	Common Stock	10,000	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option becomes vested and exercisable over a period of eight years, with 50% becoming vested and exercisable half way through its vesting period and the remainder becoming vested and exercisable proportionately each year thereafter.

2. Shares attributed to reporting person's account in issuer's 401(K) Plan as of May 16, 2018.

John Milek, Attorney-in-Fact 05/17/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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