

Morris James Richard
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Morris James Richard

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [AVB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2900 EISENHOWER AVE., SUITE 300

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/26/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

(Street)
 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/26/2005		M		5,319 A \$ 45.95	16,469.443 (1)	D
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/26/2005		S		4,319 D \$ 74.96	12,150.443 (1)	D
Common Stock, par value \$.01	05/26/2005		S		1,000 D \$ 74.76	11,150.443 (1)	D

per share

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

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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 (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.95	05/26/2005		M	5,319	02/13/2002 ⁽²⁾ 02/13/2011	Common Stock	5,319

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Morris James Richard 2900 EISENHOWER AVE., SUITE 300 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314			Senior Vice President	

Signatures

By Edward M. Schulman under Power of Attorney dated March 1, 2005

05/27/2005

**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) The amount of securities owned following the reported transaction reflects direct ownership of all shares of common stock, including restricted shares.

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- (2) The options exercised were included in options granted on February 13, 2001 which became exercisable in three annual installments beginning on February 13, 2002.

- The number of derivative securities beneficially owned following the reported transaction includes options granted in various periods
- (3) with varying exercise prices and vesting dates. Following the reported transaction the reporting person holds 1,681 options that expire on February 13, 2011 with an exercise price of \$45.95.

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