

AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC  
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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 \*  
**HOREY LEO S III**

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/24/2012**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chief Administrative Officer**

**C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC., BALLSTON TOWER, 671 N. GLEBE ROAD**

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**ARLINGTON, VA 22203**

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 05/24/2012                           |  | M                              | A   | 4,000 \$ 48.6   | (1)  | D   |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 05/24/2012                           |  | S                              | D   | 4,000 \$ 141.7538   | (2)  | D   |



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holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

- (3) The options exercised were included in options granted under the issuer's stock option and incentive plan on February 11, 2009, which become exercisable in three annual installments beginning on February 11, 2010.
- (4) Following the reported transaction, the reporting person held a total of 43,682 options to purchase the issuer's common stock granted on various dates and with varying exercise prices and vesting dates.

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