

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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>Kovarik John</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ARBOR REALTY TRUST INC.</u> <u>333 EARLE OVINGTON BLVD. STE. 900</u>  (Street) <u>UNIONDALE NY 11553</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ARBOR REALTY TRUST INC [ ABR ]</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>Chief Credit Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/03/2006</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, par value \$0.01 per share	04/03/2006		A		2,500	A	(1)	5,200	D	

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	Amount or Number of Shares	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Restricted shares of common stock par value \$0.01 per share of Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Company") granted pursuant to the Company's 2003 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan, as amended and restated.

Remarks:

/s/ Walter K. Horn, Attorney-in-Fact for John Kovarik 04/03/2006

\*\* 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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that the undersigned hereby constitutes, designates and appoints Walter K. Horn as such person's true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for the undersigned and in the undersigned's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to execute, acknowledge, deliver and file any and all filings required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including Section 16 of such act, and the rules and regulations thereunder, and requisite documents in connection with such filings, respecting securities of Arbor Realty Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation including but not limited to Forms 3, 4 and 5 under such act and any amendments thereto.

This power of attorney shall be valid from the date hereof until revoked by the undersigned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this instrument as of the 3rd day of April, 2006.

/s/ John  
Kovarik  
John Kovarik