## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIESM

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup>            | 2. Date of Event<br>Requiring<br>Statement<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>04/06/2004 | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ARBOR REALTY TRUST INC [ABR]  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| KAVARIK JOHN  |  | to Issuer Original Filed (Month/E  | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |  |  |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 333 EARLE OVINGTON BOULEVARD, SUITE 900 |  | (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Other (specify below)  Check Applicable in 6. Individual or Joint/G (Check Applicable Line x Form filed by On Reporting Persor | e)<br>le   |  |  |  |
| (Street) UNIONDALE NY 11553  (City) (State) (Zip)               |  | Chief Credit Officer  Form filed by Mo One Reporting P   |  |  |  |  |

| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)                        | 2. Amount of<br>Securities Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3.<br>Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial<br>Ownership (Instr. 5) |  |  |  |  |

| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |                  |                 |  |                                   |                                    |                                  |  |  |  |
|--|------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)   | Exercisable and  |                 | Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security (Instr. |                                   | -                                  | l .                              | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |  |  |
|  | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title  | Amount or<br>Number of<br>SharesM | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>5) | (Instr. 5)                                 |  |  |

**Explanation of Responses:** 

No securities are beneficially owned

/s/ John Kovarik

04/06/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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