

AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES INC
 Form 4
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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 *
 Willard Larry D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES INC [ARC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 7887 EAST BELLEVIEW AVENUE, SUITE 200
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/27/2006

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Chairman and CEO

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80111

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Am Nur Sha |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 10.74 | 07/27/2006 | A | | 200,000 | | (1) | 07/27/2016 | Common Stock par value \$.01 | 20 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Willard Larry D 7887 EAST BELLEVIEW AVENUE, SUITE 200 ENGLEWOOD, CO 80111 | | | Chairman and CEO | |

Signatures

Scott Gesell by power of attorney for Larry D.
Willard 07/31/2006

**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).

Option granted under the issuer's 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. Option will vest with respect to 1/3 of the shares on each of the first three (1) anniversaries of the date of grant subject to continued employment, and will become fully vested on a Change in Control (as defined in the plan) or in the event of the reporting person's death.

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