

ARBOR REALTY TRUST INC  
Form 8-K  
December 20, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

**December 20, 2011 (December 15, 2011)**

**Arbor Realty Trust, Inc.**

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

**MARYLAND**

(STATE OF INCORPORATION)

**001-32136**  
(COMMISSION FILE NUMBER)

**20-0057959**  
(IRS EMPLOYER ID. NUMBER)

**333 Earle Ovington Boulevard, Suite 900**  
**Uniondale, New York**  
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

**11553**  
(ZIP CODE)

**(516) 506-4200**

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(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On December 15, 2011, John J. Robbins, a Class II director of Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. (the Company ) and the Chairman of the Audit Committee, notified Company that he was resigning as a director of the Company.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 19, 2011, the Board of Directors of the Company appointed Melvin F. Lazar as a Class II director in order to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of John J. Robbins on December 15, 2011. Mr. Lazar was also appointed to serve as the Chairman of the Audit Committee. Mr. Lazar previously served as a Class II director of the Company and the Chairman of the Audit Committee from November 2003 until his resignation at the end of his last three-year term in May 2011.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC.

By:	/s/ Paul Elenio
Name:	Paul Elenio
Title:	Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 20, 2011