

NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES, INC.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
HABICHT KEVIN B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES, INC. [NNN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
450 S ORANGE AVE, SUITE 900
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/27/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
EVP & CFO

ORLANDO, FL 32801

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2012 | 02/27/2012 | A | | 14,422 (1) \$ 26.85 | A | 252,677 D |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2012 | 02/27/2012 | A | | 28,844 (2) \$ 26.85 | A | 281,521 D |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2012 | 02/27/2012 | A | | 9,365 (3) \$ 26.85 | A | 290,886 D |

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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HABICHT KEVIN B 450 S ORANGE AVE SUITE 900 ORLANDO, FL 32801 | X | | EVP & CFO | |

Signatures

/s/ Kevin B.
Habicht

02/29/2012

**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).

- (1) The shares will vest 25% annually beginning in 2013 through 2016. The Reporting Person has voting and dividend rights on all of these shares, including unvested shares.
- (2) Shares will vest on 12/31/14 based upon achieving certain total shareholder returns. The reporting person has no dividend or voting rights on these shares until the shares have vested.
- (3) The grant provides for a cliff vesting whereby 100% of the shares will vest at the end of a three year period ending in 2014. The reporting person has voting and dividend rights on all of these shares.

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