AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SARGEANT THOMAS J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [AVB]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC., 2900 EISENHOWER AVE., SUITE 300		900	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2005	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) EVP, CFO and Treasurer
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314				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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities A coor Disposed o (Instr. 3, 4 and (A o) Amount (D	f (D) 15)	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)		
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	03/10/2005		M	15,000 A	\$ 38.1524	113,636.472 (1)	D			
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	03/10/2005		S	15,000 D	\$ 67.7791	98,636.472 (1)	D			
Common Stock, par						1,352 (2)	I	Held by spouse		

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value \$.01 per share

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securition (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.1524	03/10/2005		M	15,000	10/29/1998(3)	10/29/2007	Common Stock	15,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SARGEANT THOMAS J C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC. 2900 EISENHOWER AVE., SUITE 300 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

EVP, CFO and Treasurer

Signatures

Edward M. Schulman under Power of Attorney dated January 1, 2000

03/11/2005

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 amount of securities owned following the reported transaction reflects direct ownership of all shares of common stock, including restricted shares.

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- (2) No transaction is reported. Indirect holdings reported for information only.
- The options exercised were included in options granted on October 29, 1997 which became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on October 29, 1998.
- The number of derivative securities beneficially owned following the reported transaction includes options with varying exercise prices and vesting dates. Following the reported transaction the reporting person holds no more options that expire on October 29, 2007 with an exercise price of \$38.1524.

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