

Budko Peter M  
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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 \*  
 Budko Peter M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.  
 [NA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/13/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP & CIO

C/O AMERICAN REALTY  
 CAPITAL TRUST, INC., 106  
 YORK ROAD

(Street)

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

JENKINTOWN, PA 19046

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	09/13/2010		A		160,604 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 0
					163,484 <sup>(2)</sup>	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 Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
				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
Budko Peter M C/O AMERICAN REALTY CAPITAL TRUST, INC. 106 YORK ROAD JENKINTOWN, PA 19046			EVP & CIO	

## Signatures

/s/ Peter M. Budko 09/15/2010

\_\_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) Represents restricted shares of common stock. No vesting will occur until the 2nd anniversary of grant date (i.e. 2 years or not before the 24th month). 50% of grant vests as follows: (i) 0% upon 1st anniversary of grant date; (ii) 20% upon 2nd anniversary of grant date; (iii) 20% on 3rd anniversary of grant date; (iv) 20% on 4th anniversary grant date; and (v) 40% upon 5th anniversary of grant date. The remaining 50% of grant vests only to the extent the net asset value of the company plus the distributions paid to stockholders equals 106% of the original selling price of the company's common stock.
  - (2) Includes 2,880 shares of common stock held by American Realty Capital II, LLC previously reported.

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