

AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS INC

Form 3

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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Â Realty Advisors, LLC  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

1800 VALLEY VIEW LANE,  
 SUITE 300

(Street)

DALLAS,Â TXÂ 75234

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
 11/15/2008

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS INC [ARL]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_ Officer \_\_\_ Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

6,703,045 <sup>(1)</sup>

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

D Â

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

SEC 1473 (7-02)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  
 Title

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Realty Advisors, LLC 1800 VALLEY VIEW LANE, SUITE 300 DALLAS, TX 75234	^	^ X	^	^

## Signatures

Louis J. Corna, Vice President and Secretary 11/17/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Realty Advisors LLC acquired the 6,703,045 Shares of ARL as a dividend distribution from Basic Capital Management, Inc.

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