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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Willard Larry D

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES INC [ARC]

(Check all applicable)

7887 EAST BELLEVIEW

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

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

08/14/2006

Chairman & CEO

AVENUE, SUITE 200

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

(Zip)

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ENGLEWOOD, CO 80111

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock par value \$.01	08/14/2006		P	5,000	A	\$ 9.98	31,004	D	
Common Stock par value \$.01							300 (1)	I	Alex Willard
Common Stock par value \$.01							300 (1)	I	Zach Willard
Common							300 (1)	I	Haley

Stock par Willard

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title and A	Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration Date		Underlying Securities	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	(Instr. 3 and	4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e			
	Derivative				Securities	S			
	Security				Acquired				
					(A) or				
					Disposed				
					of (D)				
					(Instr. 3,				
					4, and 5)				
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.74					(2)	07/27/2016	Common stock par value \$.01	200,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Willard Larry D 7887 EAST BELLEVIEW AVENUE, SUITE 200 ENGLEWOOD, CO 80111	X		Chairman & CEO		

Signatures

value \$.01

Scott Gesell by power of attorney for Larry D.
Willard

08/15/2006

**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) Shares purchased by Mr. Willard for grandchildren's individual trusts. Mr. Willard serves as custodian of each trust and shares purchased for each may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Mr. Willard. Mr. Willard disclaims beneficial ownership of 300 shares held in trust

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for Alex Willard, 300 shares held in trust for Zach Willard and 300 shares held in trust for Haley Willard.

Option granted under the issuer's 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. Option will vest with respect to 1/3 of the shares on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant subject to continued employment, and will become fully vested on a Change in Control (as defined in the plan) or in the event of the reporting person's death.

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