

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL  
Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Wetzel Mark L</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>CHICAGO, IL 60606</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>03/17/2005</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>EQUITY RESIDENTIAL [EQR]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Chief Accounting Officer</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	6,330 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	14,304 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	SERP Account
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	2,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	Daughter

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	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	02/07/2005 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/07/2013	Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	4,613	\$ 23.55	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	01/16/2003 <sup>(5)</sup>	01/16/2012	Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	6,896	\$ 27.2	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	01/27/2005 <sup>(6)</sup>	01/27/2014	Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	8,297	\$ 29.25	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	02/03/2006 <sup>(7)</sup>	02/03/2008	Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	7,082	\$ 31.76	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wetzel Mark L TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400 CHICAGO, IL 60606	Â	Â	Â Chief Accounting Officer	Â

## Signatures

Mark L. Wetzel                      03/17/2005  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) Shares reported on this line are owned directly and some are subject to vesting.
- (2) Shares reported herein are owned by the Security Trust Company, as Trustee of the Equity Residential Supplemental Retirement Plan for the benefit of the reporting person and were acquired through Equity Residential's Employee Share Purchase Plan.
- (3) Shares reported on this line are beneficially owned by Mr. Wetzel as custodian for his minor daughter. Mr. Wetzel disclaims beneficial ownership of said shares.
- (4) 2,306 of the share options reported on this line are currently exercisable; the remaining share options become exercisable on 2/7/2006.
- (5) Share options reported on this line are fully exercisable.

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- (6) 2,765 of the share options are currently exercisable; the remaining share options become exercisable in two equal installments on 1/27/2006 and 1/27/2007.
- (7) The share options become exercisable in three equal installments on 2/3/2006; 2/3/2007 and 2/3/2008.

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