### AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC

Form 4

December 30, 2004

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SARGEANT THOMAS J Symbol			ONBAY COMMUNITIES				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)				
				of Earliest Transaction (Day/Year) 2004				Director 10% Owner Specify below) Other (specify below) EVP, CFO and Treasurer			
				onth/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			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	ansaction Date 2A. Deemed			4. Securit for Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. 7. Nature of Ownership Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	12/29/2004			M	13,106	A	\$ 38.1524	94,111.472 1 (1)	D		
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	12/29/2004			F	6,671	D	\$ 74.95	87,440.472 (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	Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date or Exercise any Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year)		4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				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	12/29/2004		M	13,106	10/29/1998 <u>(3)</u>	10/29/2007	Common Stock	13,1

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 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

12/30/2004

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).
- The amount of securities owned following the reported transaction reflects direct ownership of all shares of common stock, including **(1)** restricted shares.

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- (2) No transaction is reported. Indirect holdings reported for information only.
- (3) 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 30,000 more options that expire on October 29, 2007 with an exercise price of \$38.1524.

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