MOUNTAIN JAMES R

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **MOUNTAIN JAMES R**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

below)

Armour Residential REIT, Inc.

(Check all applicable)

[ARR] (Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

3001 OCEAN DRIVE, SUITE 201

(Street)

11/20/2017

(Month/Day/Year)

below) Chief Financial Officer

Applicable Line)

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

(Instr. 8)

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(Instr. 4)

Person

VERO BEACH, FL 32963

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. **Underlying Securities** De (Instr. 3 and 4) Se

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(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) (Ir (Instr. 3) Price of Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date **Expiration** Title Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares Phantom Stock (1) Common (1)(6)(1)(2)(3)(4)(1)(2)(3)(4)11/20/2017 A 61,000 61,000 (2) (3) (4) Stock (5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MOUNTAIN JAMES R 3001 OCEAN DRIVE SUITE 201 VERO BEACH, FL 32963

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ James R. 11/22/2017 Mountain

**Signature of Date
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 reporting person was granted an aggregate of 61,000 phantom shares under ARMOUR Residential REIT, Inc.'s ("ARMOUR") Second Amended and Restated 2009 Stock Incentive Plan pursuant to the time-based vesting schedule described as follows. 3,000

- phantom shares will vest on February 20, 2018 with an additional 3,000 phantom shares vesting on each following May 20, August 20, (1) November 20 and February 20, through May 20, 2020. On August 20, 2020, 3,100 phantom shares will vest, with an additional 3,100 phantom shares vesting on each following November 20, February 20, May 20, and August 20 through November 20, 2022, at which time all phantom stock shall have vested. Upon vesting, the reporting person will be entitled to an equal number of shares of ARMOUR common stock within 30 days.
 - Upon ARMOUR Capital Management LP, ARMOUR's manager (the "Manager") voluntarily terminating its services with ARMOUR pursuant to the management agreement between ARMOUR and the Manager (the "Management Agreement"), or ARMOUR terminating the Management Agreement for cause, all unvested phantom stock shall be forfeited by the reporting person. The reporting person's unvested phantom stock will fully and automatically vest upon the reporting person's termination with the Manager due to death,
- disability, or ARMOUR terminating the Management Agreement without cause or for good reason. In the event the reporting person is terminated by the Manager without cause or for good reason, his unvested phantom stock will continue to vest in accordance with the schedule described in this report, subject to satisfactory continuing fulfillment of certain conditions and related tax consequences and risks specified in the reporting person's grant agreement.
- In the event of a resignation or retirement, provided the sum of the reporting person's age and years of service is equal to or greater than 70, the reporting person will retain his or her unvested stock awards which will remain subject to the vesting schedule set forth in this report, subject to satisfactory continuing fulfillment of certain conditions and related tax consequences and risks specified in the reporting person's grant agreement.

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- (4) The phantom stock will automatically vest in the event of the reporting person's termination from the Manager without cause within 12 months of a change in control of ARMOUR.
 - The reporting person also has the right to elect to have withholding taxes or a portion thereof, as the case may be, satisfied by reducing the number of shares of common stock to be issued to the reporting person by some or all of such shares. With respect to each phantom
- share, the reporting person will receive a cash payment in an amount equal to the cash dividend distributions paid in the ordinary course on a share of ARMOUR common stock. The reporting person also has the right to elect in lieu of the cash dividend payment a number of shares of common stock equal to the dividend payment payable divided by the fair market value of a share of ARMOUR common stock on the date of the dividend payment.
- (6) Each unit of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of ARMOUR common stock.

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