

EMPIRE AMERICAN REALTY TRUST INC  
Form 8-K  
February 08, 2011

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 8, 2011**

**Independence Realty Trust, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**

**333-160093**

**26-4567130**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**Cira Centre  
2929 Arch St., 17th Floor  
Philadelphia, PA**

**19104**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(215) 243-9000**

**Empire American Realty Trust, Inc.**

**25 Philips Parkway, Montvale, New Jersey 07645**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

The board of directors of Independence Realty Trust, Inc. (the Company ) adopted an amendment to the Company s charter (the Charter Amendment ) to change the Company s corporate name from Empire American Realty Trust, Inc. to Independence Realty Trust, Inc. The Charter Amendment was filed with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation on February 8, 2011. A copy of the Charter Amendment is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 3.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The board of directors of the Company also adopted an amendment and restatement to the Bylaws (the Amended and Restated Bylaws ) of the Company to, among other things, reflect the Company s new name. A copy of the Amended and Restated Bylaws is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 3.3 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

- 3.2 First Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Company, effective February 8, 2011.
- 3.3 First Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, effective February 8, 2011.

**Exhibit Index**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Independence Realty Trust, Inc.

*February 8, 2011*

By: /s/ Jack E. Salmon

Name: *Jack E. Salmon*

Title: *President & Chief Financial Officer*

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