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Form SC 13G/A  
February 06, 2012

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.1)\*

ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

038923108

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2011

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

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1. Names of Reporting Persons/ I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Persons  
(Entities only):

LEON G. COOPERMAN

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)   
(b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization: UNITED STATES

|              |                              |           |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of    | 5. Sole Voting Power:        | 2,065,400 |
| Shares Bene- | 6. Shared Voting Power:      | -0-       |
| ficially     | 7. Sole Dispositive Power:   | 2,065,400 |
| Owned by     | 8. Shared Dispositive Power: | -0-       |
| Each Report- |                              |           |
| ing Person   |                              |           |
| With         |                              |           |

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person: 2,065,400

10. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9): 8.6 %

12. Type of Reporting Person: IN

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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer: ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC. (the "Issuer").

Item 1(b) Address of the Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

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ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC.  
333 Earle Ovington Blv'd, Suite 900  
Uniondale NY 11553

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:

This statement is filed on behalf of Leon G. Cooperman ("Mr. Cooperman"). Mr. Cooperman is, among other activities, an investor engaged in investing for his own account.

Mr. Cooperman is married to an individual named Toby Cooperman. Mr. Cooperman has an adult son named Michael S. Cooperman. The Michael S. Cooperman WRA Trust (the "WRA Trust"), is an irrevocable trust for the benefit of Michael S. Cooperman. Mr. Cooperman has investment authority over the Michael S. Cooperman and the WRA Trust accounts.

Mr. Cooperman is one of the Trustees of The Leon and Toby Cooperman Family Foundation (the "Foundation"), a charitable trust dated December 16, 1981. The other trustees are his wife, Toby Cooperman, his sons, Wayne Cooperman and Michael S. Cooperman, and his daughter-in law, Jodi Cooperman.

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

The address of the principal business office of Mr. Cooperman and the Foundation is 2700 No. Military Trail, Suite 230, Boca Raton FL 33431

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

Mr. Cooperman is a United States citizen;

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock (the "Shares")

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number: 038923108

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Sections 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c):

This Item 3 is not applicable.

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Item 4. Ownership:

Item 4(a) (b) Amount Beneficially Owned and Percent of Class:

Mr. Cooperman may be deemed the beneficial owner of 2,065,400 Shares which constitutes approximately 8.6 % of the total number of Shares outstanding. This is based on a total of 24,137,382 Shares outstanding as reported on the Company's Form 10-Q filed with the SEC for the quarter ended September 30, 2011.

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This consists of 1,000,000 Shares owned by Mr. Cooperman; 100,000 Shares owned by Toby Cooperman; 615,400 Shares owned by the Foundation; 250,000 Shares owned by Michael S. Cooperman; and 100,000 Shares owned by the WRA Trust.

Item 4(c) Number of Shares as to which such person has:

|       |  |           |
|-------|--|-----------|
| (i)   | Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:                | 2,065,400 |
| (ii)  | Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:              | -0-       |
| (iii) | Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:   | 2,065,400 |
| (iv)  | Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: | -0-       |

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

This Item 5 is not applicable.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

This Item 6 is not applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company:

This Item 7 is not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

This Item 8 is not applicable.

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Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group:

This Item 9 is not applicable.

Item 10. Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the Issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DATED: February 6, 2012 as of December 31, 2011

LEON G. COOPERMAN

By /s/ ALAN M. STARK

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Alan M. Stark  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Power of Attorney on file

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