ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC

Form 8-K

September 15, 2006

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# 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): September 14, 2006 ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MARYLAND 001-31775 86-1062192 (State of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

14185 Dallas Parkway, Suite 1100

Dallas, Texas 75254
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (972) 490-9600

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#### ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On September 14, 2006, Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors:

- a) declared a common stock dividend for its third quarter ended September 30, 2006, of \$0.20 per diluted share, payable October 16, 2006, for shareholders of record on September 29, 2006, and
- b) declared a dividend for its third quarter ended September 30, 2006, of \$0.5344 per diluted share, for the Company s 8.55% Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock. This dividend is payable October 16, 2006, for shareholders of record on September 29, 2006.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Exhibit

#### Number

99.1 Press Release of the Company, dated September 14, 2006, furnished under Item 7.01, announcing the declaration of dividends.

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# **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: September 15, 2006

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID A. BROOKS

David A. Brooks Chief Legal Officer