

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL  
Form 8-K  
October 01, 2015

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, DC 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): October 1, 2015**

**EQUITY RESIDENTIAL**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Maryland**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
**of incorporation or organization)**

**1-12252**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

**13-3675988**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification Number)**

**Two North Riverside Plaza**

**Suite 400, Chicago, Illinois**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**60606**  
**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (312) 474-1300**

**Not applicable**

**(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2 below):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

*Amended Bylaws; Adoption of Proxy Access*

On October 1, 2015, Equity Residential (the Company) amended its Bylaws to add a proxy access provision after discussions with many of its large shareholders as well as the proponent of the proxy access proposal that received majority support at the Company's Annual Meeting in June 2015.

A new Section 16 of Article II of the Bylaws now permits a shareholder, or group of up to 20 shareholders, owning 3% or more of the Company's outstanding common shares continuously for at least 3 years, to include in the Company's annual meeting proxy materials trustee nominations for up to 20% of the seats on the Company's Board of Trustees.

The amended Bylaws also contain changes of a technical or conforming nature to several other sections. The foregoing summary of the proxy access provision is subject to the additional eligibility, procedural and disclosure requirements set forth in Article II, Section 16 of the Bylaws, and the foregoing description of the Bylaws is qualified in its entirety by reference to a copy of the amended and restated Bylaws filed as Exhibit 3.1 to this Form 8-K, which is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**Exhibit**

**Number      Exhibit**

Exhibit 3.1      The Eighth Amended & Restated Bylaws of the Company, effective October 1, 2015.

**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.

**EQUITY RESIDENTIAL**

Date: October 1, 2015

By: /s/ Bruce C. Strohm

Name: Bruce C. Strohm

Its: Executive Vice President and General Counsel

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