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

June 2, 2022

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Essential Properties Realty Trust, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation)

001-38530 (Commission File Number) 82-4005693 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

902 Carnegie Center Blvd., Suite 520

Princeton, New Jersey

(Address of principal executive offices)

08540 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (609) 436-0619

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

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act 17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of Each Class | <u>Trading Symbol(s)</u> | <u>Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value | EPRT | New York Stock Exchange |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act \Box

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On June 2, 2022, the Board of Directors of Essential Properties Realty Trust, Inc. declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.27 per share of common stock for the second quarter of 2022. The second quarter 2022 dividend represents an annualized dividend of \$1.08 per share of common stock. The dividend is payable on July 14, 2022 to stockholders of record as of the close of business on June 30, 2022. A copy of the related press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 — Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>99.1</u> | Press Release dated June 6, 2022 |
| 104 | Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document). |

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.

Date: June 6, 2022

ESSENTIAL PROPERTIES REALTY TRUST, INC.

By:

/s/ Mark E. Patten

Mark E. Patten Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary

Essential Properties Realty Trust, Inc. Increases Quarterly Dividend to \$0.27 per Share, a 3.8% Increase Over Prior Quarter

June 6, 2022

PRINCETON, N.J.—(BUSINESS WIRE)—Essential Properties Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: EPRT; the "Company") announced today that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.27 per share of common stock for the second quarter of 2022. On an annualized basis, this dividend of \$1.08 per share of common stock represents an increase of \$0.04 per share over the previous annualized dividend. The dividend is payable on July 14, 2022 to stockholders of record as of the close of business on June 30, 2022.

About Essential Properties Realty Trust, Inc.

Essential Properties Realty Trust, Inc. is an internally managed REIT that acquires, owns and manages primarily single-tenant properties that are net leased on a long-term basis to companies operating service-oriented or experience-based businesses. As of March 31, 2022, the Company's portfolio consisted of 1,545 freestanding net lease properties with a weighted average lease term of 13.9 years and a weighted average rent coverage ratio of 3.8x. In addition, as of March 31, 2022, the Company's portfolio was 100.0% leased to 323 tenants operating 461 different concepts in 16 industries across 46 states.

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