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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

December 3, 2021  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**Essential Properties Realty Trust, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Maryland</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<b>001-38530</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>82-4005693</b> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
<b>902 Carnegie Center Blvd., Suite 520</b> <b>Princeton, New Jersey</b> (Address of principal executive offices)		<b>08540</b> (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:

<b><u>Title of Each Class</u></b>	<b><u>Trading Symbol(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered</u></b>
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 ☐

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 ☐

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 3, 2021, the Board of Directors of Essential Properties Realty Trust, Inc. declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.26 per share of common stock for the fourth quarter of 2021. The fourth quarter 2021 dividend represents an annualized dividend of \$1.04 per share of common stock. The dividend is payable on January 13, 2022 to stockholders of record as of the close of business on December 31, 2021. 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
<a href="#">99.1</a>	Press Release dated December 6, 2021
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: December 6, 2021

**ESSENTIAL PROPERTIES REALTY TRUST, INC.**

By: /s/ Mark E. Patten

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

**Essential Properties Realty Trust, Inc. Increases Quarterly Dividend to \$0.26 per Share, a 4.0% Increase Over Prior Quarter**

December 6, 2021

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 \$0.26 per share of common stock for the fourth quarter of 2021. On an annualized basis, this dividend of \$1.04 per share of common stock represents an increase of \$0.04 per share over the previous annualized dividend. The dividend is payable on January 13, 2022 to stockholders of record as of the close of business on December 31, 2021.

**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 September 30, 2021, the Company’s portfolio consisted of 1,397 freestanding net lease properties with a weighted average lease term of 13.9 years and a weighted average rent coverage ratio of 3.5x. As of the same date, the Company’s portfolio was 99.9% leased to 297 tenants operating 423 different concepts in 17 industries across 45 states.

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