American Realty Capital Trust, Inc. Form SC TO-I March 01, 2012

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

AMERICAN REALTY CAPITAL TRUST, INC.

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer) and Filing Person (Offeror))

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.01 PER SHARE

(Title of Class of Securities)

02917L101

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

William M. Kahane Chief Executive Officer and President American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.

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(Name, address, and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications on behalf of filing persons)

With copies to:

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CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

Transaction Valuation^(a)
\$220,000,000

Amount of Filing Fee^(b)
\$25,212

The transaction valuation is estimated solely for purposes of calculating the filing fee. This amount is based upon (a) the offer to purchase up to \$220,000,000 in value of shares of common stock of American Realty Capital Trust, Inc. at a price not greater than \$11.00 and not less \$10.50 per share.

The amount of the filing fee, calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, (b) as amended, as modified by Fee Rate Advisory No. 3 for fiscal year 2012, equals \$114.60 per million dollars of the value of the transaction.

Check the box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing with which the offsetting fee was previously paid. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.

Amount Previously Paid: N/A Form or Registration No: N/A Filing Party: N/A Date Filed: N/A

Check the box if the filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

Check the appropriate boxes below to designate any transactions to which the statement relates:

third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-l. issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.

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- going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3. o
- amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer. o

If applicable, check the appropriate box below to designate the appropriate rule provision relied upon:

- Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer). o
- Rule 14d-l(d) (Cross-Border Third-Party Tender Offer). o

SCHEDULE TO

This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO relates to the offer by American Realty Capital Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation that qualifies as a real estate investment trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes (the <u>Company</u>), to purchase up to \$220,000,000 in value of shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the <u>Shares</u>), at a price not greater than \$11.00 nor less than \$10.50 per Share, net to the seller in cash, less any applicable withholding taxes and without interest. The Company s offer is being made upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, dated March 1, 2012, and in the related Letter of Transmittal, copies of which are attached to this Schedule TO as Exhibits (a)(i) and (a)(ii), respectively. This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO is intended to satisfy the reporting requirements of Rule 13e-4(c)(2) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Items 1 through 11.

The information in the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal, copies of which are attached to this Schedule TO as Exhibits (a)(i) and (a)(ii), respectively, is incorporated by reference in answer to Items 1 through 11 of this Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO.

Item 12. Exhibits

See Exhibit List immediately following the signature page and reproduced below.

- (a)(i) Offer to Purchase, dated March 1, 2012.
- (a)(ii) Letter of Transmittal.
- (a)(iii) Notice of Guaranteed Delivery.
- (a)(iv) Letter to Stockholders of the Company (other than DTC Participants).
- (a)(v) Letter to Brokers, Dealers, Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees and DTC Participants.
- (a)(vi) Letter to Clients for use by Brokers, Dealers, Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees.
- (a)(vii) Notice of Withdrawal of Tender for Individual Investors (other than DTC Participants).
- (a)(viii) Notice of Withdrawal of Tender for Brokers, Dealers, Banks, Trust Companies and other Nominees and DTC Participants.
- (a)(ix) Press Release, dated March 1, 2012.
- (a)(x) Advertisement in Wall Street Journal, dated March 1, 2012.
- (b) None.
- 2007 Stock Option Plan (Previously filed as an exhibit to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to
- (d)(i) Post Effective Amendment No. 1 to Form S-11 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 3, 2008, and incorporated by reference herein.)
 2010 Restricted Share Plan (Previously filed as an exhibit to Pre-effective Amendment No. 1 to
- (d)(ii) Post-Effective Amendment No. 8 to Form S-11 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 22, 2010, and incorporated by reference herein.)

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- (d)(iv) First Amendment to the Credit Agreement, dated as of February 28, 2012, between American Realty Capital Operating Partnership, L.P. and RBS Citizens, N.A. (*Previously filed as an*

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exhibit to Current Report on Form 8-K that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 29, 2012, and incorporated by reference herein.)

Amended and Restated Advisory Agreement, dated as of June 2, 2010, by and among American Realty Capital Trust, Inc., American Realty Capital Operating Partnership, L.P. and American Realty Capital Advisors, LLC (Previously filed as an exhibit to Current Report on Form 8-K that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 3, 2010, and incorporated by reference herein.)

Item 12. Exhibits 5

- Share Repurchase Program (Previously described in Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Form

 S-11 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 19, 2010 and

 Item 8.01 in Current Report on Form 8-K that we filed with the Securities and Exchange

 Commission on April 26, 2011, and incorporated by reference herein.)

 2008 Distribution Reinvestment Plan American Realty Capital Trust, Inc. (Previously filed as

 an exhibit to Registration Statement on Form S-3D, Appendix A, filed with the Securities and

 Exchange Commission on July 15, 2011, and incorporated by reference herein.)
- (g) None.
- (h) None.

Item 13. Information Required by Schedule 13E-3.

Not applicable.

SIGNATURE

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

AMERICAN REALTY CAPITAL TRUST, INC.

/s/ William M. Kahane

By: Name: William M. Kahane

Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

Dated: March 1, 2012

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