

PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 MURPHY JOEL T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 PREFERRED APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC [APTS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 3284 NORTHSIDE PARKWAY  
 NW, SUITE 150  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/03/2017

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 CEO-New Market Properties, LLC

ATLANTA, GA 30327

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Securi (Instr.	
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Class A Units (1) (2)	<u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	01/03/2017(1)(2)	A	8,118	<u>(1)(2)</u>	<u>(1)(2)</u>	Common Stock	8,118

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

MURPHY JOEL T  
3284 NORTHSIDE PARKWAY NW  
SUITE 150  
ATLANTA, GA 30327

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

CEO-New Market Properties, LLC

## Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey R. Sprain,  
attorney-in-fact

01/05/2017

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Represents Class A Units ("Class A Unit") of Preferred Apartment Communities Operating Partnership, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership"), of which Preferred Apartment Communities, Inc. (the "Company") is the general partner. On January 4, 2016, the reporting person was awarded a maximum of 24,353 Class B Units of the Operating Partnership ("Class B Units") issued in lieu of any reimbursement for annual cash compensation for 2016, 2017 and 2018, subject to certain performance conditions. When earned and vested, each Class B Unit is converted into a Class A Unit. Each Class A Unit may be exchanged for one share of the Company's common stock, or cash, as selected by the Company. Class A Units do not expire.

(2) As of January 3, 2017, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company determined that the extent to which the performance measures had been achieved during the performance period resulted in 100%, or 24,353 of the Class B Units becoming earned Class B Units. One-third of the earned Class B Units, or 8,118 Class B Units, fully vested on January 3, 2017 and were converted into Class A Units on that date. The remaining 16,235 unvested Class B Units will vest approximately equally on January 2, 2018 and January 2, 2019 and will convert to Class A Units on those dates.

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