

Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
May 23, 2018

**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**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 22, 2018**

**Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Commission File Number: 001-34626**

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

**58-2328421**  
**(IRS Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

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**5565 Glenridge Connector**

**Suite 450**

**Atlanta, GA 30342-4788**

**(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)**

**770-418-8800**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**11695 Johns Creek Parkway**

**Suite 350**

**Johns Creek, GA 30097-1523**

**(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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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.

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

On May 22, 2018, Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. (the Corporation ) filed Articles of Amendment (the Charter Amendment ) to its Third Articles of Amendment and Restatement (the Charter ) with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland. The Charter Amendment amends Section 5.2 of the Charter to clarify that the Corporation s stockholders have the ability to amend the Corporation s bylaws and was approved by the Corporation s stockholders at the Corporation s 2018 annual meeting of stockholders held on May 15, 2018.

The foregoing summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Charter Amendment, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

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

(d) Exhibits.

- 3.1 Articles of Amendment to the Third Articles of Amendment and Restatement of Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc., as supplemented and amended.

**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.

**Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.**

Dated: May 22, 2018

By: /s/ Laura P. Moon  
Laura P. Moon

Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer