

Berkshire Income Realty to Pay Regular Cash Dividend on its Series A Preferred Stock

BOSTON, May 1, 2009 – Berkshire Income Realty, Inc. (Amex: BIR.PR.A, BIR_PA, BIRPRA, BIR-A, BIR.A, BIR/PRA) (the “Company”) announced today that it will pay its regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.5625 on each share of its 9% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock on May 15, 2009, to shareholders of record on May 8, 2009. The regular cash dividend payable on the Series A Preferred Stock is payable on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 of each year.

The Company is a REIT whose objective is to acquire, operate, and rehabilitate multifamily apartment communities. The Company owns interests in twenty-six such multifamily apartment communities, of which six are located in the Baltimore/Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, five are located in Virginia, four are located in Houston, Texas, two are located in Dallas, Texas, two are located in the Chicago, Illinois area and one is located in each of the Austin, Texas, Charlotte, North Carolina, Atlanta, Georgia, Sherwood, Oregon, Tampa, Florida, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Los Angeles area.

This press release contains “forward-looking statements,” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, about the Company. These statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could materially affect future results. Among these risk factors are the ones listed in the Company's periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including without limitation the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

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