

**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): April 1, 2022**

**MFA FINANCIAL, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	1-13991 (Commission File Number)	13-3974868 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
One Vanderbilt Avenue, 48th Floor New York, New York (Address of principal executive offices)		10017 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 207-6400

Not Applicable  
(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):

- 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>Title of each class:</b>	<b>Trading Symbols:</b>	<b>Name of each exchange on which registered:</b>
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	MFA	New York Stock Exchange
7.50% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	MFA/PB	New York Stock Exchange
6.50% Series C Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	MFA/PC	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.

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

After the close of business on April 4, 2022, MFA Financial, Inc. (the “Company”) effected the previously announced 1-for-4 reverse stock split (the “Reverse Stock Split”) of its outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the “Common Stock”). On April 1, 2022, the Company filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland two Articles of Amendment (the “Amendments”) to its charter that: (i) provided for a 1-for-4 reverse stock split of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock, effective at 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on April 4, 2022, and (ii) provided for the par value of the Common Stock to be changed from \$0.04 per share (as a result of the reverse stock split) back to \$0.01 per share, effective at 5:01 p.m., Eastern Time, on April 4, 2022. Fractional shares resulting from the Reverse Stock Split will be paid in cash based on the closing price of the Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) on April 4, 2022, after taking into account the Reverse Stock Split. The Reverse Stock Split affected all record holders of Common Stock uniformly and did not affect any record holder’s percentage ownership interest, except for de minimis changes as a result of the elimination of fractional shares.

The Reverse Stock Split did not affect the number of the Company's authorized shares of Common Stock under its charter.

The Common Stock will begin trading on a split-adjusted basis on the NYSE at the opening of trading on April 5, 2022. The Common Stock continues to trade on the NYSE under the symbol “MFA”, but with a new CUSIP number: 55272X607.

The foregoing description of the Amendments does not purport to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amendments, which are filed as Exhibit 3.1 and Exhibit 3.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

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**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit

[3.1 Articles of Amendment of MFA Financial, Inc.](#)

[3.2 Articles of Amendment of MFA Financial, Inc.](#)

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SIGNATURE

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.

MFA FINANCIAL, INC.  
(REGISTRANT)

By: /s/ Harold E. Schwartz  
Name: Harold E. Schwartz  
Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Date: April 4, 2022

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**MFA FINANCIAL, INC.**

**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:

**FIRST:** The charter (the “Charter”) of MFA Financial, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the “Corporation”), is hereby amended to provide that, immediately upon the Effective Time (as defined below), every four shares of common stock (the “Common Stock”), \$0.01 par value per share, of the Corporation which were issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be combined into one issued and outstanding share of Common Stock, \$0.04 par value per share, of the Corporation. Upon the Effective Time, no fractional shares of Common Stock of the Corporation will be or remain issued, and each stockholder otherwise entitled to a fractional share shall be entitled to receive in lieu thereof cash in an amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying (a) the fraction of a share by (b) the product obtained by multiplying (i) closing price of the Common Stock as reported by the New York Stock Exchange on the date of the Effective Time (prior to giving effect to the foregoing combination) by (ii) four.

**SECOND:** The amendment to the Charter as set forth above has been duly approved by at least a majority of the entire Board of Directors as required by law. The amendment set forth herein is made without action by the stockholders of the Corporation, pursuant to Section 2-309(e) of the Maryland General Corporation Law.

**THIRD:** There has been no increase in the authorized shares of stock of the Corporation effected by the amendment to the Charter as set forth above.

**FOURTH:** These Articles of Amendment shall become effective at 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on April 4, 2022 (the “Effective Time”).

**FIFTH:** The undersigned acknowledges these Articles of Amendment to be the corporate act of the Corporation and as to all matters or facts required to be verified under oath, the undersigned acknowledges that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, these matters and facts are true in all material respects and that this statement is made under the penalties for perjury.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused these Articles of Amendment to be signed in its name and on its behalf by its Chief Executive Officer and President, and attested to by its Secretary on this 1st day of April, 2022.

ATTEST:

MFA FINANCIAL, INC.

By: /s/ Harold E. Schwartz  
Name: Harold E. Schwartz  
Title: Secretary

By: /s/ Craig L. Knutson (SEAL)  
Name: Craig L. Knutson  
Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

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**MFA FINANCIAL, INC.**

**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT**

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FIRST: The charter (the "Charter") of MFA Financial, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Corporation"), is hereby amended to decrease, immediately upon the Effective Time (as defined below), the par value of the shares of common stock of the Corporation issued and outstanding immediately prior to the filing of these Articles of Amendment from \$0.04 per share to \$0.01 per share.

SECOND: The amendment to the Charter as set forth above has been duly approved by at least a majority of the entire Board of Directors as required by law. The amendment set forth herein is made without action by the stockholders of the Corporation, pursuant to Section 2-605(a)(2) of the Maryland General Corporation Law.

THIRD: There has been no increase in the authorized shares of stock of the Corporation effected by the amendment to the Charter as set forth above.

FOURTH: These Articles of Amendment shall become effective at 5:01 p.m., Eastern Time, on April 4, 2022 (the "Effective Time").

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