Howard Bancorp Inc Form SC 13G June 05, 2015

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Howard Bancorp, Inc. (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 (Title of Class of Securities)

442496105

(CUSIP Number)

May 27, 2015

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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^{*} The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

EJF Capital LLC

- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) x GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (b) o
- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

434,782

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

434,782

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

434,782

- 10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) \quad o
- 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

6.9% (1)

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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(1)Based on 6,345,727 shares of common stock outstanding as of June 3, 2015, as the Issuer reported in its Form S-4 filed with the SEC on June 4, 2015.

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Emanuel J. Friedman

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EJF Financial Services GP, LLC

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Item 1. (a) Name of Issuer

Howard Bancorp, Inc.

Item 1. (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

6011 University Boulevard, Suite 370 Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Item 2. (a) Name of Person Filing

This Schedule 13G is being filed on behalf of the following persons (the "Reporting Persons")*:

- (i) EJF Capital LLC;
- (ii) Emanuel J. Friedman;
- (iii) EJF Financial Services Fund, LP; and
- (iv) EJF Financial Services GP, LLC.

Item 2. (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence

EJF Capital LLC 2107 Wilson Boulevard Suite 410 Arlington, VA 22201

Emanuel J. Friedman 2107 Wilson Boulevard Suite 410 Arlington, VA 22201

EJF Financial Services Fund, LP 2107 Wilson Boulevard Suite 410 Arlington, VA 22201

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Item 2. (c) Citizenship

See Item 4 of the attached cover pages.

Item 2. (d) Title of Class of Securities

^{*}Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of an agreement among the Reporting Persons that this Schedule 13G is being filed on behalf of each of them.