

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol       |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)  |  |
| <b>Klinck Theodore J</b>                  |  | <b>HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC [HIW]</b>             |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)<br><b>EVP/COO/CIO</b> |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                   |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)      |  |   |  |
| <b>3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600</b>    |  | <b>6/15/2017</b>                                  |  |   |  |
| (Street)                                  |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)   |  |
| <b>RALEIGH, NC 27604</b>                  |  |   |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> 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<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |             | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|------------|-------------|--|--|--|
|                                    |                |                                   | Code                         | V | Amount   | (A) or (D) | Price       |  |  |  |
| Common Stock                       | 6/15/2017      | 6/15/2017                         | M                            |   | 1681.00  | A          | \$43.55     | 63194.00   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                       | 6/15/2017      | 6/15/2017                         | M                            |   | 1084.00  | A          | \$36.50     | 64278.00   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                       | 6/15/2017      | 6/15/2017                         | M                            |   | 2873.00  | A          | \$37.71     | 67151.00   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                       | 6/15/2017      | 6/15/2017                         | M                            |   | 4362.00  | A          | \$45.61     | 71513.00   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                       | 6/15/2017      | 6/15/2017                         | S                            |   | 10000.00   | D          | \$52.51 (1) | 61513.00   | D  |  |

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

| 1. Title of Derivate Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                            | 8. Price of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|-----|---|-----------------|--|----------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|   |  |                |                                   | Code                         | V | (A)   | (D) | Date Exercisable                        | Expiration Date | Title  | Amount or Number of Shares |   |   |  |   |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)        | \$45.61  | 6/15/2017      | 6/15/2017                         | M                            |   | 4362.00   |     | (2)                                     | 2/27/2025       | Common Stock   | 4362.00                    | \$0.00  | 8723.00   | D  |   |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)        | \$43.55  | 6/15/2017      | 6/15/2017                         | M                            |   | 1681.00   |     | (2)                                     | 2/28/2026       | Common Stock   | 1681.00                    | \$0.00  | 30895.00  | D  |   |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)        | \$37.71  | 6/15/2017      | 6/15/2017                         | M                            |   | 2873.00   |     | (2)                                     | 2/28/2024       | Common Stock   | 2873.00                    | \$0.00  | 2873.00   | D  |   |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)        | \$36.50  | 6/15/2017      | 6/15/2017                         | M                            |   | 1084.00   |     | (2)                                     | 2/28/2020       | Common Stock   | 1084.00                    | \$0.00  | 0.00  | D  |   |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) Represents the weighted average sale price. Sale prices range from \$52.50 - \$52.55.
- (2) Options vest ratably over four years on March 1st of each year after the grant date.

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                    |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |
| <b>Klinck Theodore J</b><br><b>3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600</b><br><b>RALEIGH, NC 27604</b> |               |           | <b>EVP/COO/CIO</b> |       |

**Signatures**

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

\* 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).

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