

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

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *  KELLETT SHERRY A		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY) 11/1/2005		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC [HIW]					
(Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERT INC., 3100 SMOKETREE COU SUITE 600	IES, _x_	ationship of Re Director Officer (give title be	-	n(s) to Issuer (		uble)			
(Street)  RALEIGH, NC 27604  (City) (State) (Zip)		amendment, Da nal Filed (MM/D	D/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned									
(Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)			orm: Direct (Instr. 5)			
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)									
1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exer Expiration I (MM/DD/YYY	Date	3. Title and A Securities Un Derivative Se (Instr. 4)	nderlying	4. Conversio or Exercise Price of Derivative	Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)			
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	10/31/2015	Common Stock	10000	\$27.62	D			

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

(1) Option vests ratably on the first through fourth anniversaries of grant date.

#### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting 6 where							
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	1	Other			
KELLETT SHERRY A							
C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC. 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600	X						
RALEIGH, NC 27604							

### **Signatures**

 Mack D. Pridgen, III for Sherry A. Kellett
 11/3/2005

 \*\*\*Signature of Reporting Person
 Date

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 5(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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