

# 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
<b>Mulhern Mark F</b>			<b>HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC [ HIW ]</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>X</b> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>EVP/CFO</b>		
(Last) (First) (Middle) <b>3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600</b>			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <b>3/1/2017</b>					
(Street) <b>RALEIGH, NC 27604</b>			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
(City) (State) (Zip)						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock (1)	3/1/2017	3/1/2017	A		11936	A	\$0.00	61717	D	
Common Stock (2)	3/1/2017	3/1/2017	A		3439	A	\$0.00	65156	D	
Common Stock (3)	3/1/2017	3/1/2017	F		6579	D	\$0.00	58577	D	
Common Stock	3/1/2017	3/1/2017	M		6062	A	\$39.20	64639	D	
Common Stock	3/1/2017	3/1/2017	M		11682	A	\$45.61	76321	D	
Common Stock	3/1/2017	3/1/2017	M		8078	A	\$43.55	84399	D	
Common Stock	3/1/2017	3/1/2017	S		25822	D	\$52.34 (4)	58577	D	

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$52.49	3/1/2017	3/1/2017	A		22876	(S)	2/28/2027	Common Stock	22876	\$0.00	22876	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$39.20	3/1/2017	3/1/2017	M		6062	(S)	9/29/2024	Common Stock	6062	\$0.00	6063	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$45.61	3/1/2017	3/1/2017	M		11682	(S)	2/27/2025	Common Stock	11682	\$0.00	11680	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$43.55	3/1/2017	3/1/2017	M		8078	(S)	2/28/2026	Common Stock	8078	\$0.00	24232	D	

### Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Consists of time-based restricted stock that vests ratably over four years on March 1st of each year after the grant date and total return-based restricted stock that vests at the end of the applicable measurement period to the extent actual performance exceeds certain levels of performance.
- (2) Represents the number of shares earned under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan - Total Shareholder Return Plan because the Company achieved above target levels of performance relative to predetermined goals.
- (3) In accordance with the terms of the initial restricted stock award and in connection with the vesting of the award, the reporting person tendered a portion of the restricted stock award to the issuer in satisfaction of tax liabilities.
- (4) Represents the weighted average sale price. Sale prices range from \$52.00 - \$52.61.
- (5) 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
Mulhern Mark F 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600 RALEIGH, NC 27604			EVP/CFO	

**Signatures**

/s/Jeffrey D. Miller Attorney in fact for Mark F. Mulhern

3/3/2017

\*\*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 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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