

FORM 4

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

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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 (Check all applicable) | |
| FRITSCH EDWARD J | | HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC [HIW] | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) President & CEO | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | |
| 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600 | | 3/1/2018 | | | |
| (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | |
| RALEIGH, NC 27604 | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <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 (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) | 3/1/2018 | 3/1/2018 | A | | 54216.00 | A | \$0.00 | 495691.00 | D | |
| Common Stock (2) | 3/1/2018 | 3/1/2018 | F | | 13583.00 | D | \$0.00 | 482108.00 | D | |
| Common Stock (3) | 3/1/2018 | 3/1/2018 | D | | 4177.00 | D | \$0.00 | 477931.00 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 100.00 | I | By Children |

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 | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Consists of time-based restricted stock granted by the Company that vests ratably over four years on March 1st of each year after the grant date and total return-based restricted stock granted by the Company that vests at the end of the applicable measurement period to the extent actual performance exceeds certain levels of performance.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Represents the number of shares forfeited under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan - Total Shareholder Return Plan because the Company achieved less than target levels of performance relative to predetermined goals.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FRITSCH EDWARD J 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600 RALEIGH, NC 27604 | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

/s/Jeffrey D. Miller Attorney in fact for Edward J. Fritsch

3/2/2018

**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).

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