

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**FRITSCH EDWARD J**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC., 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600  
  
 (Street)  
 RALEIGH, NC 27604  
  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC [HIW]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/01/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	Amount or Price			
Common Stock	08/01/2008	08/01/2008	M		27,830	A \$ 11.626	326,709	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2008	08/01/2008	S		27,830	D \$ 36.02 (1) (2)	298,879	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2008	08/01/2008	M		40,061	A \$ 20.76 (2) (3)	338,940	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2008	08/01/2008	S		40,061	D \$ 35.73 (2) (4)	298,879	D	
	08/01/2008	08/01/2008	M		19,674	A \$ 21.01	318,553	D	

Common  
Stock

Common Stock	08/01/2008	08/01/2008	S	19,674	D	\$ 36.554 <u>(2) (5)</u>	298,879	D	
Common Stock							70	I	By Children

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.626	08/01/2008	08/01/2008	M	27,830	<u>(6)</u> 02/28/2010	Common Stock	27,830	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.69	08/01/2008	08/01/2008	M	31,686	<u>(6)</u> 02/28/2010	Common Stock	31,686	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.01	08/01/2008	08/01/2008	M	28,049	<u>(6)</u> 02/28/2013	Common Stock	28,049	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FRITSCH EDWARD J	X		President	

C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.  
3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600  
RALEIGH, NC 27604

& CEO

## Signatures

/s/Will B. Howard for Edward J.  
Fritsch

08/05/2008

    \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

    Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Represents the weighted average sale price. Sale prices range from \$35.520 - \$36.50.
- (2) The reporting person upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, agrees to disclose full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.
- (3) Represents the weighted average purchase price. Purchase prices range from \$20.69 - \$21.01.
- (4) Represents the weighted average sale price. Sale prices range from \$35.50 - \$36.50.
- (5) Represents the weighted average sale price. Sale prices range from \$36.51 - \$36.63.
- (6) Option vests ratably on the first through fourth anniversaries of grant date.

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