

SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST
Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PORTNOY BARRY M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTIES TRUST [NYSE: SNH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O REIT MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH LLC, 400 CENTRE STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/24/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)
NEWTON, MA 02458

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 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. 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) (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	10/24/2008		J(1)	V	90,450.2	A	(1)
					128,777.2	D	

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Rep Trans (Instr
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PORTNOY BARRY M
C/O REIT MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH LLC
400 CENTRE STREET
NEWTON, MA 02458

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Signatures

/s/ Barry M. Portnoy 10/28/2008

**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) Pursuant to transactions that are exempt from Section 16 under Rule 16a-13, Mr. Portnoy acquired: (i) 21,460.45 shares from Reit Management & Research LLC, a company of which Mr. Portnoy is a director and majority beneficial owner; and (ii) 68,989.75 shares previously held through Portnoy Family Corporation (a corporation of which Mr. Portnoy was the sole shareholder), which were received by Mr. Portnoy as a liquidating distribution and are now owned directly. In prior reports, Mr. Portnoy reported indirect beneficial ownership of all 39,019 shares of Senior Housing Properties Trust held by Reit Management & Research LLC and all 68,989.75 shares of Senior Housing Properties Trust held by Portnoy Family Corporation. Mr. Portnoy paid \$14.89 per share for the shares acquired from Reit Management & Research LLC and paid no consideration from the shares received from Portnoy Family Corporation as part of the liquidating distribution.

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