

Meritage Homes CORP
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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 *
 DAVIS STEVEN M

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET,
 SUITE 300
 (Street)

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 10/16/2006

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)
 Exec. Vice President

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) (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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price | |
| MTH COMMON STOCK ⁽¹⁾ | 10/16/2006 | | A | | 25,000 | A | \$ 0 25,000 | 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)

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| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 47.22 | 10/16/2006 | | A | 3,000 | 10/16/2007 10/15/2013 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 3,000 |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 47.22 | 10/16/2006 | | A | 3,000 | 10/16/2008 10/15/2013 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 3,000 |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 47.22 | 10/16/2006 | | A | 3,000 | 10/16/2009 10/15/2013 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 3,000 |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 47.22 | 10/16/2006 | | A | 3,000 | 10/16/2010 10/15/2013 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 3,000 |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 47.22 | 10/16/2006 | | A | 3,000 | 10/16/2011 10/15/2013 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 3,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DAVIS STEVEN M 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255 | | | Exec. Vice President | |

Signatures

/s/ Steven M. Davis
10/18/2006
**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) Balance represents the grant of restricted stock

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