

HARRIS MICHAEL E

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HARRIS MICHAEL E

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/31/2012

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President & COO

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

RALEIGH, NC 27604

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	07/31/2012	07/31/2012	M	1,400	A \$ 18.89	151,890	D
Common Stock	07/31/2012	07/31/2012	S	1,400	D \$ 34.01 (1) (2)	150,490	D
Common Stock	08/01/2012	08/01/2012	M	6,900	A \$ 18.89	157,390	D
Common Stock	08/01/2012	08/01/2012	S	6,900	D \$ 34.02	150,490	D

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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. I Der Sec (In		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.89	07/31/2012	07/31/2012	M		1,400		<u>(4)</u>	02/29/2016	Common Stock	1,400	\$
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.89	08/01/2012	08/01/2012	M		6,900		<u>(4)</u>	02/29/2016	Common Stock	6,900	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
HARRIS MICHAEL E C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC. 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600 RALEIGH, NC 27604	Executive Vice President & COO

Signatures

/s/Willis B. Howard Attorney-in-fact for Michael E.
Harris

08/02/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Represents the weighted average sale price. Sale prices range from \$34.00- \$34.03
- (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 sold at each separate price.
- (3) Represents the weighted average sale price. Sale prices range from \$34.00- \$34.23
- (4) Options vests ratably over 4 years on March 1st of each year after the grant date.

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