

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC

Form 4

May 11, 2016

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 *
Mulhern Mark F

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)

3100 SMOKETREE COURT,
SUITE 600

(Street)

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

05/09/2016

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

SVP/CFO

RALEIGH, NC 27604

(City) (State) (Zip)

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
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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 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	05/09/2016	05/09/2016	M		12,124	A	\$ 39.2	60,081 D
Common Stock	05/09/2016	05/09/2016	S		12,124	D	\$ 48.75 (1)	47,957 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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.2	05/09/2016	05/09/2016	M		12,124		<u>(2)</u>	09/29/2024	Common Stock	12,124

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Mulhern Mark F 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600 RALEIGH, NC 27604	SVP/CFO

Signatures

/s/Jeffrey D. Miller Attorney in fact for Mark F.
Mulhern 05/11/2016

__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 \$48.67 - \$48.83.

(2) Options vest ratably over 4 years on March 1st of each year after the grant date.

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