

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 \*  
 Klinck Theodore J

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  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/09/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP/COO & Investment Officer

RALEIGH, NC 27604

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/09/2016	05/09/2016	M		2,277	A	\$ 31.36
Common Stock	05/09/2016	05/09/2016	M		2,885	A	\$ 36.5
Common Stock	05/09/2016	05/09/2016	M		2,873	A	\$ 37.71
Common Stock	05/09/2016	05/09/2016	M		4,362	A	\$ 45.61
Common Stock	05/09/2016	05/09/2016	S		12,397	D	\$ 48.86

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.36	05/09/2016	05/09/2016	M	2,277	<u>(2)</u> 03/11/2019	Common Stock	2,277
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 36.5	05/09/2016	05/09/2016	M	2,885	<u>(2)</u> 02/28/2020	Common Stock	2,885
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.71	05/09/2016	05/09/2016	M	2,873	<u>(2)</u> 02/28/2024	Common Stock	2,873
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 45.61	05/09/2016	05/09/2016	M	4,362	<u>(2)</u> 02/27/2025	Common Stock	4,362

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
			EVP/COO & Investment Officer	

Klinck Theodore J  
3100 SMOKETREE COURT  
RALEIGH, NC 27604

## Signatures

/s/Jeffrey D. Miller Attorney in fact for Theodore J.  
Klinck

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 \$48.77 - \$48.89.

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

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