

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC

Form 4

September 23, 2009

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 *
KAPLAN LAWRENCE S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

RALEIGH, NC 27604

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC
[HIW]

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

09/21/2009

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)

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)
Common Stock	09/21/2009	09/21/2009	M	5,000	(A) or (D) Price \$ 21.69	14,625	D
Common Stock	09/21/2009	09/21/2009	S	5,000	(A) or (D) Price \$ 32.27 (1) (2)	9,625	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. Filing Date (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 21.69	09/21/2009	09/21/2009	M	5,000	(3) 11/15/2010	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
KAPLAN LAWRENCE S C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC. 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600 RALEIGH, NC 27604	X

Signatures

/s/Willis B. Howard Attorney-in-fact for Lawrence S.
Kaplan

09/23/2009

**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) Reporting person upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, disclose full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.
- (2) The price represents the weighted average sale price for the transaction on this line. The sale price ranges from \$32.26 - \$32.30.
- (3) Option vests ratably on the first through fourth anniversaries of grant date.

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