

FRITSCH EDWARD J  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
FRITSCH EDWARD J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President & CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/04/2009

(Street)  
  
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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	08/04/2009	08/04/2009	M		4,550	A	\$ 21.01
Common Stock	08/04/2009	08/04/2009	S		4,550	D	\$ 28
Common Stock	08/05/2009	08/05/2009	M		44,020	A	\$ 21.01
Common Stock	08/05/2009	08/05/2009	S		44,020	D	\$ 28
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Common  
Stock

by  
Children

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
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.01	08/04/2009	08/04/2009	M	4,550	<u>(1)</u>	02/28/2013	Common Stock	4,550
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.01	08/05/2009	08/05/2009	M	44,020	<u>(1)</u>	02/28/2013	Common Stock	44,020

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FRITSCH EDWARD J C/O HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC. 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600 RALEIGH, NC 27604	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Willis B. Howard Attorney-in-fact for Edward J. Fritsch

08/06/2009

\_\_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) Option vests ratably on the first through fourth anniversaries of grant date.

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