

MID AMERICA APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC  
 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 \*  
 CATES GEORGE E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 MID AMERICA APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC [MAA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 6584 POPLAR AVENUE, SUITE 300  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/01/2005

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

MEMPHIS, TN 38138-

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	09/01/2005		M	A	\$ 4,507	273,702.107	D
Common Stock	09/01/2005		S	D	\$ 45.1287	269,195.107	D
Common Stock						6,858.847	I IRA
Common Stock						29,534.9396	I JTWROS
Common Stock						12,806.829	I Keough Plan

Common Stock	4,739.8461	I	Spouse
Common Stock	5,631.741	I	Spouse IRA
Common Stock	86,938	I	Staland Investments, L.P.

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 22.1875	09/01/2005		M	4,507	02/22/2005 02/22/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>	Common Stock	4,507

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CATES GEORGE E 6584 POPLAR AVENUE SUITE 300 MEMPHIS, TN 38138-	X			

## Signatures

Leslie Bratten Cantrell  
Wolfgang 09/01/2005

\_\_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) In line with Mr. Cates Employment Agreement dated October 1, 2001 and the IRS code, effective September 30, 2005, the expiration date on these options would change to December 29, 2005.

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