Mulhern Mark F Form 4 August 10, 2018

## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Mulhern Mark F			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC [HIW]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 3100 SMOK SUITE 600	3100 SMOKETREE COURT,		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/08/2018	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP/CFO		
(Street) RALEIGH, NC 27604			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 _ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I. Non Dorland's Committee A.			

(City)	(State)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4	posed and 5 (A) or	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	08/08/2018	08/08/2018	Code V M	Amount 8,078	(D) A	Price \$ 43.55	81,780	D	
Common Stock	08/08/2018	08/08/2018	M	6,063	A	\$ 39.2	87,843	D	
Common Stock	08/08/2018	08/08/2018	S	14,141	D	\$ 49.96	73,702	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. Transactic 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)	\$ 43.55	08/08/2018	08/08/2018	M	8,078	<u>(2)</u>	02/28/2026	Common Stock	8,078
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.2	08/08/2018	08/08/2018	M	6,063	(2)	09/29/2024	Common Stock	6,063

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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

Mulhern Mark F

3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600 EVP/CFO

RALEIGH, NC 27604

## **Signatures**

/s/Jeffrey D. Miller Attorney in fact for Mark F.
Mulhern 08/10/2018

\*\*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 \$49.90 \$50.07.

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

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