

Penn Kevin E
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Penn Kevin E (Last) (First) (Middle)			(Month/Day/Year) 05/15/2012		HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC [HIW]	
3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
(Street)						
RALEIGH, NC 27604			(Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City) (State) (Zip)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) VP/Chief Strategy & Admin		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	16,900	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	03/01/2014	Common Stock	2,694	\$ 42.03	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	02/29/2016	Common Stock	4,235	\$ 18.89	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	02/25/2017	Common Stock	1,773	\$ 29.05	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	02/27/2018	Common Stock	2,719	\$ 33.93	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	02/28/2019	Common Stock	5,493	\$ 32	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Penn Kevin E 3100 SMOKETREE COURT, SUITE 600 RALEIGH, NC 27604	Â	Â	Â VP/Chief Strategy & Admin	Â

Signatures

/s/Willis B. Howard Attorney-in-fact for Kevin E.
Penn 05/18/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Options vest ratably over 4 years on March 1st of each year after the grant date.

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