

Meritage Homes CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 DAVIS STEVEN M

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET,  
 SUITE 300  
 (Street)

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/11/2007

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)  
 Exec. Vice President

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price   |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3)                      | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title            | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| MTH COMMON STOCK <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 15.98                     | 12/11/2007       | A          | 8,000   |      |   |     |     | 12/11/2008       | 12/10/2014      | MTH COMMON STOCK | 8,000                      |
| MTH COMMON STOCK <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 15.98                     | 12/11/2007       | A          | 8,000   |      |   |     |     | 12/11/2009       | 12/10/2014      | MTH COMMON STOCK | 8,000                      |
| MTH COMMON STOCK <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 15.98                     | 12/11/2007       | A          | 8,000   |      |   |     |     | 12/11/2010       | 12/10/2014      | MTH COMMON STOCK | 8,000                      |
| MTH COMMON STOCK <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 15.98                     | 12/11/2007       | A          | 8,000   |      |   |     |     | 12/11/2011       | 12/10/2014      | MTH COMMON STOCK | 8,000                      |
| MTH COMMON STOCK <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 15.98                     | 12/11/2007       | A          | 8,000   |      |   |     |     | 12/11/2012       | 12/10/2014      | MTH COMMON STOCK | 8,000                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| DAVIS STEVEN M<br>17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, SUITE 300<br>SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255 |               |           | Exec. Vice<br>President |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Steven M. Davis  
12/12/2007

\*\*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 a single option grant.

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