

Meritage Homes CORP  
 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 \*  
 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)  
 11/11/2009

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 VP - COO

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
MTH COMMON STOCK <sup>(1)</sup>	11/11/2009		S		7,500 D \$ 20.18	47,500	D
MTH COMMON STOCK <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>	11/11/2009		G		833 D \$ 0	46,667	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. 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. New Derivative Security Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4)
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## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

DAVIS STEVEN M  
17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, SUITE 300  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

Director   10% Owner   Officer   Other

Exec VP - COO

## Signatures

/s/ Steven M. Davis                      11/11/2009

\_\_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) Balance includes all non-vested stock grants but does not include 45,000 shares of restricted stock with vesting contingent upon the achievement of pre-specified performance targets.
- (2) Mr. Davis gifted 833 shares to a charitable foundation.

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