

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

**SCHEDULE 14A**

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of  
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**HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.**

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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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November 7, 2008

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Please help your company avoid the expense of further solicitation by voting **TODAY**—by telephone, *via* the Internet, or by signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the envelope provided.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

PETER S. REINHART  
*Secretary*

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**You can vote your shares by telephone, or *via* the Internet.  
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