

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **January 12, 2005**

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other
Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-8551
(Commission File Number)

22-1851059
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**10 Highway 35, P.O. Box 500
Red Bank, New Jersey 07701**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(732) 747-7800
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

In December 2004, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. (the "Company") reviewed a market compensation analysis of director compensation in the homebuilding industry furnished by an outside compensation consulting company to the Chairman of the Board and the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. On January 12, 2005, the Board of Directors of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. approved the recommendation of its Compensation Committee to provide an additional retainer of \$20,000 to non-employee Directors for each Board Committee on which they serve. Previously, non-employee Directors did not receive an annual retainer specifically for service on a committee. In addition, the Board approved an annual grant of 5,000 options to purchase shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock to all non-employee Directors and an additional annual grant of 2,000 options to purchase shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock to non-employee Directors for each Board Committee on which they serve. These stock options will be granted pursuant to the 1999 Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan and they will vest in three equal annual installments beginning one year after the date of grant and expire ten years from the date of grant. Previously, stock options were granted sporadically and not specifically for service on a committee.

Effective January 12, 2005, following the changes described above, compensation for the Company's non-employee directors will consist of the following:

Annual Retainer

\$40,000 to each non-employee Director and an additional \$20,000 for each Board Committee on which a non-employee Director serves (50% in cash and 50% in shares of Class A Common Stock for entire amount).

Annual Stock Option Grant

Options to purchase 5,000 shares of Class A Common Stock to each non-employee Director and options to purchase an additional 2,000 shares for each Board Committee on which a non-employee Director serves.

