

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5
obligations may continue. See
Instruction 1(b).

Check this box to indicate that a
transaction was made pursuant to a
contract, instruction or written plan for
the purchase or sale of equity securities
of the issuer that is intended to satisfy
the affirmative defense conditions of
Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HOVNANIAN ARA K</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC [HOV]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ☒ Director ☒ 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below) <u>Chairman of the Board & CEO</u>	
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/15/2026</u>		
	(Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.</u> <u>90 MATAWAN ROAD</u>	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person ☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
	(Street) <u>MATAWAN NJ 07747</u>	(City) (State) (Zip)	

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	07/15/2026		C ⁽¹⁾		12,595	A	\$0.0000 ⁽¹⁾	12,595	D	
Class A Common Stock								52,285.872 ⁽²⁾	I	Held as trustee of trusts for Esther K. Barry's family ⁽³⁾
Class A Common Stock								20,522.872 ⁽²⁾	I	Held as trustee of trusts for Lucy K. Kalian's family ⁽⁴⁾
Class A Common Stock								62,895.872 ⁽²⁾	I	Held as trustee of trusts for Nadia K. Rodriguez's family ⁽⁵⁾
Class A Common Stock								45,634.872 ⁽²⁾	I	Held as trustee of trusts for Sossie K. Najarian's family ⁽⁶⁾
Class A Common Stock								3,563.96 ⁽²⁾	I	Held by trusts for Esther K. Barry's family ⁽⁷⁾
Class A Common Stock								4,132.76 ⁽²⁾	I	Held by trusts for Lucy K. Kalian's family ⁽⁸⁾
Class A Common Stock								720 ⁽²⁾	I	Held by trusts for Nadia K. Rodriguez's family ⁽⁹⁾

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Class A Common Stock								720 ⁽²⁾	I	Held by trusts for Sossie K. Najarian's family ⁽¹⁰⁾
Class A Common Stock								668	I	Held by wife

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Class B Common Stock	(11)	07/15/2026		C ⁽¹⁾			12,595	(11)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	12,595	\$0.0000	324,716	D	
Class B Common Stock	(11)							(11)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	5,328.4		5,328.4	I	Held as trustee for daughter Serena
Class B Common Stock	(11)							(11)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	5,328.4		5,328.4	I	Held as trustee for son Alexander
Class B Common Stock	(11)							(11)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	160		160	I	Held as trustee of the Alexander Hovnanian Trust
Class B Common Stock	(11)							(11)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	160		160	I	Held as trustee of the Alton Hovnanian Trust
Class B Common Stock	(11)							(11)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	157,434.56		157,434.56	I	Held as trustee of trust for Reporting Person's family ⁽¹³⁾
Class B Common Stock	(11)							(11)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	25,281.4		25,281.4 ⁽²⁾	I	Held as trustee of trusts for Esther K. Barry's family ⁽¹⁴⁾
Class B Common Stock	(11)							(11)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	25,281.4		25,281.4 ⁽²⁾	I	Held as trustee of trusts for Lucy K. Kalian's family ⁽⁴⁾
Class B Common Stock	(11)							(11)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	25,281.4		25,281.4 ⁽²⁾	I	Held as trustee of trusts for Nadia K. Rodriguez's family ⁽⁵⁾
Class B Common Stock	(11)							(11)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	25,281.4		25,281.4 ⁽²⁾	I	Held as trustee of trusts for Sossie K. Najarian's family ⁽¹⁵⁾
Class B Common Stock	(11)							(11)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	50,507.51		50,507.51	I	Held by Ara K. Hovnanian Family 1994 long-term trusts ⁽¹⁶⁾
Class B Common Stock	(11)							(11)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	5,125.28		5,125.28	I	Held by Reporting Person through partnership interests in the Limited Partnership.

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Class B Common Stock	(11)							(11)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	38,736.694		38,736.694 ⁽²⁾	I	Held by trusts for Esther K. Barry's family ⁽⁷⁾
Class B Common Stock	(11)							(11)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	42,034.92		42,034.92 ⁽²⁾	I	Held by trusts for Kevork S. Hovnanian's family ⁽¹⁷⁾
Class B Common Stock	(11)							(11)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	38,777.8564		38,777.8564 ⁽²⁾	I	Held by trusts for Lucy K. Kalian's family ⁽⁸⁾
Class B Common Stock	(11)							(11)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	22,849.1972		22,849.1972 ⁽²⁾	I	Held by trusts for Nadia K. Rodriguez's family ⁽⁹⁾
Class B Common Stock	(11)							(11)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	33,256.3364		33,256.3364 ⁽²⁾	I	Held by trusts for Sossie K. Najarian's family ⁽¹⁰⁾
Class B Common Stock	(11)							(11)	(12)	Class A Common Stock	812		812	I	Held by wife

Explanation of Responses:

1. On July 15, 2026, Ara Hovnanian converted 12,595 shares of Class B Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, non-cumulative ("Class B Common Stock"), in to an equal number of shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, non-cumulative ("Class A Common Stock").
2. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his potential pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of the beneficial ownership of all of the reported shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose
3. Held by trusts for the benefit of the family of Esther K. Barry, of which the reporting person is a trustee and has a potential remainder interest, including shares held through a limited liability interest in the Hovnanian Family 2012 LLC (the "2012 LLC").
4. Held by trusts for the benefit of the family of Lucy K. Kalian, of which the reporting person is a trustee and has a potential remainder interest, including shares held through a limited liability interest in the 2012 LLC
5. Held by trusts for the benefit of the family of Nadia K. Rodriguez, of which the reporting person is a trustee and has a potential remainder interest, including shares held through a limited liability interest in the 2012 LLC
6. Held by trusts for the benefit of the family of Sossie K. Najarian, of which the reporting person is a trustee and has a potential remainder interest, including shares held through a limited liability interest in the 2012 LLC
7. Held by The Esther K. Barry Family 1994 Long-Term Trust, of which the reporting person is a trustee and has a potential remainder interest
8. Held by The Lucy K. Kalian Family 1994 Long-Term Trust, of which the reporting person is a trustee and has a potential remainder interest
9. Held by The Nadia K. Rodriguez Family 1994 Long-Term Trust, of which the reporting person is a trustee and has a potential remainder interest
10. Held by The Sossie K. Najarian Family 1994 Long-Term Trust, of which the reporting person is a trustee and has a potential remainder interest
11. The Class B Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, non-cumulative ("Class B Common Stock"), is immediately convertible into an equal number of shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, non-cumulative ("Class A Common Stock")
12. No expiration date
13. Held by Ara K. Hovnanian 2012 Trust, of which the reporting person is trustee, including shares held through a limited liability company interest in the Hovnanian Family 2012 LLC (the "2012 LLC")
14. Held by trusts for the benefit of the family of Esther K. Barry, of which the reporting person is a trustee and has a potential remainder interest, including shares held through a limited liability interest in the 2012 LLC
15. Held by trust for the benefit of the family of Sossie K. Najarian, of which the reporting person is a trustee and has a potential remainder interest, through a limited liability company interest in the 2012 LLC
16. Held by The Ara K. Hovnanian Family 1994 Long-Term Trust, of which the reporting person is trustee
17. Held by trusts for the benefit of the family of Kevork S. Hovnanian, of which the reporting person is a trustee and has a potential remainder interest

Elizabeth D. Tice Attorney-in-Fact

07/17/2026

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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