

AMEN PROPERTIES INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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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 *

OLIVER ERIC L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

303 W WALL, SUITE 1700

(Street)

MIDLAND, TX 79701

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMEN PROPERTIES INC [AMEN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/30/2008

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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)
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾				(A) or (D)	381,896	D ⁽²⁾	
Common Stock	12/30/2008		O	172,382 A	\$ 6.02 554,278	I	SoftVest, LP

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)

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Options <u>(1)</u>	<u>(3)</u>					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	5,193
Warrants <u>(1)</u>	\$ 6.02					12/17/2007	06/30/2009	Common Stock	172,38
Warrants	\$ 6.02	12/30/2008		O	172,382	12/17/2007	06/30/2009	Common Stock	172,38

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OLIVER ERIC L 303 W WALL SUITE 1700 MIDLAND, TX 79701		X		

Signatures

Eric L. Oliver 01/06/2009
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) Previously reported.
- (2) 92,292 shares owned by SoftVest, LP; 2,907 shares owned by Lighthouse Partners, LP; 142,837 shares owned by SoftSearch Investments, LP; 49,210 shares owned by children.
- (3) Option strike prices range from \$4.60 to \$5.12.
- (4) Option exercisable dates range from 7/16/01 to 2/12/02.
- (5) Option expiration dates range from 7/16/11 to 2/12/12.

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