

AMEN PROPERTIES INC  
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 \*

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)

12/31/2008

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>				(A) or (D) Price	94,650	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>				(A) or (D) Price	459,628	I	See Footnote <sup>(2)</sup>

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options <sup>(1)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup>					<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	5,193
Convertible Preferred	\$ 6	12/31/2008		P	94,740	12/31/2008	<sup>(6)</sup>	Common Stock	157,900

## 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                      01/09/2009  
 \*\*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) 264,674 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.
- (6) No expiration date.

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