

Sferruzza Hilla  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Sferruzza Hilla

(Last) (First) (Middle)

17851 N. 85TH STREET, STE 300

(Street)

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/06/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Chief Accounting Officer

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

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                             |
| MTH COMMON STOCK                | 02/06/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 700   | A  | \$ 15.98                          |
| MTH COMMON STOCK                | 02/06/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 1,500   | A  | \$ 14                             |
| MTH COMMON STOCK                | 02/06/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 2,200   | D  | \$ 28.28                          |
| MTH COMMON                      |                                      |  |                                |   | 9,000   | (1)  |                                   |

STOCK

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 | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| M/TH COMMON STOCK                          | \$ 15.98   | 02/06/2012                           |  | M                   | 700   | 12/11/2011 12/11/2014                                    | MTH COMMON STCOK  | 700                        |
| MTH COMMON STOCK                           | \$ 14  | 02/06/2012                           |  | M                   | 1,500   | 02/05/2012 02/05/2016                                    | MTH COMMON STOCK  | 1,500                      |

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| Sferruzza Hilla<br>17851 N. 85TH STREET<br>STE 300<br>SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255 |               |           | Chief Accounting Officer |       |

**Signatures**

/s/ Hilla  
Sferruzza  
02/07/2012  
Date

\*\*Signature of 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) Balance represents restricted stock shares not vested.

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