# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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 2, 2018

### THE HOWARD HUGHES CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-34856 (Commission File Number) 36-4673192 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

One Galleria Tower 13355 Noel Road, 22nd Floor Dallas, Texas 75240 (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (214) 741-7744

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Emerging growth company $\ \square$
f an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

#### Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On January 2, 2018, The Howard Hughes Corporation (the "Company") entered into Amendment No. 2 (the "Amendment") to the Section 382 Rights Agreement, dated as of February 27, 2012 (the "Rights Agreement"), as previously amended by Amendment No. 1 dated as of February 26, 2015, by and between the Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as rights agent. The Amendment accelerated the expiration of the preferred stock purchase rights (the "Rights") from March 14, 2018 to the close of business on January 2, 2018, and had the effect of terminating the Rights Agreement on that date. At the time of the termination of the Rights Agreement, all of the Rights distributed to the holders of the Company's common stock pursuant to the Rights Agreement expired.

The foregoing is a summary of the terms of the Amendment. The summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amendment, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 4.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 1.02. Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.

The information included in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated by reference into this Item 1.02.

#### Item 3.03. Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders.

The information included in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated by reference into this Item 3.03.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.

4.1 Amendment No. 2 to Rights Agreement, dated as of January 2, 2018, by and between The Howard Hughes Corporation and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as rights agent.

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

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#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### THE HOWARD HUGHES CORPORATION

By: /s/ Peter F. Riley

Name: Peter F. Riley
Title: Senior Vice President,

Secretary and General Counsel

Date: January 2, 2018

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO SECTION 382 RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

Amendment No. 2, dated as of January 2, 2018 (this "*Amendment*"), to the Section 382 Rights Agreement, dated as of February 27, 2012, and previously amended by Amendment No. 1, dated as of February 26, 2015 (collectively, the "*Rights Agreement*"), by and between The Howard Hughes Corporation (the "*Company*") and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as rights agent (the "*Rights Agent*").

#### RECITALS

- A. Pursuant to Section 27 of the Rights Agreement, prior to the time at which the Rights cease to be redeemable, and subject to the third to last sentence of Section 27 of the Rights Agreement, the Company may in its sole and absolute discretion, and the Rights Agreement will if the Company so directs, supplement or amend any provision of the Rights Agreement in any respect in accordance with the provisions of such Section.
- B. The Board of Directors of the Company has determined that it is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders to amend the Rights Agreement as set forth in this Amendment.
- C. The Rights are currently redeemable, and pursuant to the terms of the Rights Agreement and in accordance with Section 27 of the Rights Agreement, the Company has directed that the Rights Agreement be amended as set forth in this Amendment, and hereby directs the Rights Agent to execute this Amendment.

#### AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements set forth in the Rights Agreement and in this Amendment, the parties hereto hereby amend the Rights Agreement as follows:

- 1. Section 1(x) of the Rights Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:
- "(x) "Expiration Date" means the Close of Business on January 2, 2018."
- 2. Exhibits B and C to the Rights Agreement are deemed amended in a manner consistent with this Amendment.
- 3. Capitalized terms used without other definition in this Amendment are used as defined in the Rights Agreement.
- 4. This Amendment will be deemed to be a contract made under the internal substantive laws of the State of Delaware and for all purposes will be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal substantive laws of such State applicable to contracts to be made and performed entirely within such State.

- 5. The Rights Agreement will not otherwise be supplemented or amended by virtue of this Amendment, but will remain in full force and effect.
- 6. This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts and each of such counterparts will for all purposes be deemed to be an original, and all such counterparts will together constitute but one and the same instrument. A signature to this Amendment executed and/or transmitted electronically will have the same authority, effect and enforceability as an original signature.
- 7. This Amendment will be effective as of the date first above written and all references to the Rights Agreement will, from and after such time, be deemed to be references to the Rights Agreement as amended hereby.
- 8. The undersigned officer of the Company, being duly authorized on behalf of the Company, hereby certifies, in his or her capacity as an officer on behalf of the Company, to the Rights Agreement is in compliance with the terms of Section 27 of the Rights Agreement.
  - 9. By its execution and delivery hereof, the Company directs the Rights Agent to execute this Amendment.

[Signatures appear on the following page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be duly executed as of the date and year first above written.

#### THE HOWARD HUGHES CORPORATION

By: /s/ Peter F. Riley

Name: Peter F. Riley

Title: Senior Vice President,

Secretary and General Counsel

#### COMPUTERSHARE TRUST COMPANY, N.A.

By: /s/ Kathy Heagerty

Name: Kathy Heagerty

Title: Manager & Vice President