

COUSINS 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 \*  
MURPHY JOEL T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COUSINS PROPERTIES INC  
[CUZ]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/08/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President - Retail Division

2500 WINDY RIDGE  
PARKWAY, SUITE 1600

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date 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

ATLANTA, GA 30339

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/09/2004		A <sup>(1)</sup>	V Amount \$ 0 (1)	42,183 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					5,497 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	See Footnote 3

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)
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 31.25	12/08/2004		A	50,500	12/08/2005 <sup>(4)</sup> 12/08/2014	Common Stock 50,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MURPHY JOEL T 2500 WINDY RIDGE PARKWAY SUITE 1600 ATLANTA, GA 30339			President - Retail Division	

## Signatures

Joel T. Murphy 12/10/2004  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## 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) Award of restricted stock shares under the Cousins Properties Incorporated (CPI) 1999 Incentive Stock Plan. These shares will vest 25% per year on each anniversary date of the grant, and CPI will hold these shares until such shares become vested. While the shares are being held prior to vesting, the reporting person will have the right to receive all cash dividends and to vote the restricted shares. All unvested shares will forfeit upon termination of employment.
- (2) Includes 22,412 shares awarded under the Cousins Properties Incorporated 1999 Incentive Stock Plan. The shares will be paid in any event if the employee is employed on November 14, 2006. Such shares may be awarded earlier as follows: (i) on December 31, 2003 if Funds from Operations Per Shares ("FFOPS") has grown 15% per annum; (ii) on December 31, 2004 if FFOPS has grown by 14% per annum; and (iii) on December 31, 2005 if FFOPS has grown 13% per annum. All shares not paid will forfeit upon termination of employment. Includes 18,840 shares of restricted stock awarded under the Cousins Properties Incorporated (CPI) 1999 Incentive Stock Plan. These shares will vest 25% per year on each anniversary date of the grant, and CPI will hold these shares until such shares become vested. While the shares are being held prior to vesting, the reporting person will have the right to receive all cash dividends and to vote the restricted shares. All unvested shares will forfeit upon termination of employment.
- (3) Represents the shares held in the Company's Profit Sharing Plan in a self-directed account.
- (4)

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These options were granted under the Cousins Properties Incorporated 1999 Incentive Stock Plan. The options will vest 25% per year on each anniversary date of the grant, with shares being 100% vested in year 4 of the grant term. The Plan under which these options were granted complies with Rule 16b-3 and provides for tax withholding.

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