

MID AMERICA APARTMENT COMMUNITIES 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 \*  
 CATES GEORGE E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 MID AMERICA APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC [MAA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 6584 POPLAR AVENUE, SUITE 300

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/19/2006

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

(Street)  
 MEMPHIS, TN 38138-

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D) Price                                                  |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 242,712.1866                                                                                  | D                                                        |                                                                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 7,083.655                                                                                     | I                                                        | IRA                                                             |
| Common Stock                    | 09/19/2006                           |                                                    | G                              | V 2,500 D \$ 0                                                    | 15,168.9396                                                                                   | I                                                        | JTWROS                                                          |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 13,222.951                                                                                    | I                                                        | Keough Plan                                                     |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 4,925.6318                                                                                    | I                                                        | Spouse                                                          |

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|-----------------|-----------|---|---------------|
| Common<br>Stock | 5,728.359 | I | Spouse<br>IRA |
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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
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| Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
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Code V (A) (D)

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                          | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                         | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CATES GEORGE E<br>6584 POPLAR AVENUE<br>SUITE 300<br>MEMPHIS, TN 38138- | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

|                                                    |                     |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Kathy Rajadurai                                    | 09/19/2006          |
| <small>**Signature of<br/>Reporting Person</small> | <small>Date</small> |

## 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).

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