

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Hovnanian Family 2012 L.L.C.			(Month/Day/Year)	HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC [HOV]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
110 WEST FRONT STREET, P.O. BOX 500				(Check all applicable)	
(Street)				<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
RED BANK,Â NJÂ 07701				<input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class A Common Stock	970,849	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Class B Common Stock	Â (1)	Â (2)	Class A Common Stock	3,883,395	\$ (1)	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hovnanian Family 2012 L.L.C. 110 WEST FRONT STREET, P.O. BOX 500 RED BANK, Â NJ Â 07701	Â	Â X	Â	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Ara K. Hovnanian, HEI special purpose manager  
Date: 12/27/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) The Class B Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, non-cumulative, is immediately converted into an equal number of shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, non-cumulative.
- (2) No expiration date.

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