FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

10b5-1(c). See In	struction 10.								
Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Hammond Wade Drew			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Elme Communities [ ELME ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner					
(Last) 7550 WISCONS	(First) SIN AVE, SUITI	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/12/2025	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP, CAO & Treasurer					
(Street) BETHESDA MD 20814  (City) (State) (Zip)		20814 (Zin)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	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 S. Transac Code (In (Month/Day/Year) 8)			4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/12/2025		A		8,355(1)	A	\$0.0	60,444	D	

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

-1	1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction	3A. Deemed	4.				6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and Amount of		8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. Nature	ı
-1	Derivative	Conversion	Date	Execution Date,	Transaction		Derivative		Expiration Date		Securities Underlying		Derivative	derivative	Ownership	of Indirect	L
-1	Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise	(Month/Day/Year)	if any	Code (Instr.		Securities		(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security		Security	Securities	Form:	Beneficial	L
-1		Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	8)	8) Acquired (A)		Acquired (A) (Instr. 3 and 4)		4)	(Instr. 5) Beneficially	Direct (D)	Ownership	L			
-1		Derivative			or Disposed of		or Disposed of				Owned	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)	L			
-1		Security			(D) (Instr. 3, 4					Following	(I) (Instr. 4)		L				
-1					and 5)		i 5)					Reported			L		
-1													1	Transaction(s)			L
-1						l						Amount		(Instr. 4)			L
-1						l						or					1
-1						l			Date	Expiration		Number					1
1					Code	٧	(A)	(D)	Exercisable	Date	Title	of Shares					

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

1. These shares are granted pursuant to the Elme Communities 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan (as amended and restated effective as of May 30, 2024). These shares vest ratably over 3 years, beginning on 12/15/2025, subject to the reporting person's continued employment through each vesting date.

W. Drew Hammond

02/13/2025

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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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