

New Home Co Inc.  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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The New Home Company Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware<br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | 27-0560089<br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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| 85 Enterprise, Suite 450<br>Aliso Viejo, California<br>(Address of principal executive offices) | 92656<br>(Zip code) |
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The New Home Company Inc. 2016 Incentive Award Plan  
(Full title of plan)  
Miek Harbur  
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary  
The New Home Company Inc.  
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Aliso Viejo, California 92656  
(949) 382-7800  
(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer”, “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  x  
 Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

Calculation of Registration Fee

| Title of securities to be registered               | Amount to be registered | Proposed maximum offering price per share | Proposed maximum aggregate offering price | Amount of registration fee |
|--|-------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|
| Shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 800,000(1)              | \$9.96(2)                                 | \$7,968,000(2)                            | \$802.38                   |

Represents 800,000 shares of the Registrant’s common stock, par value \$0.01 (the “Common Stock”) available for future issuance under The New Home Company Inc. 2016 Incentive Award Plan (the “Plan”). In accordance with Rule (1)416(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), this registration statement will also cover any additional shares of Common Stock which become issuable under the Plan by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or similar transaction. Estimated solely for the purposes of calculating the registration fee under Rule 457(c) and (h) under the (2)Securities Act, and is based on the average of the high and low sales prices of the Common Stock, as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on May 25, 2016.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The documents containing the information specified in "Item 1. Plan Information" and "Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information" of Form S-8 will be sent or given to participants of the Plan, as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). Such documents are not required to be, and are not, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") either as part of this Registration Statement or as a prospectus or prospectus supplement pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of Form S-8, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed by The New Home Company Inc. (the "Company") with the Commission pursuant to the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), are incorporated by reference:

- (a) the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, filed by the Company with the Commission on February 26, 2016;
- (b) the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2016, filed by the Company with the Commission on April 29, 2016;
- (c) the Company's Current Report on Forms 8-K filed with the Commission on February 26, 2016 (solely with respect to Item 5.02), May 11, 2016 and May 24, 2016; and
- (d) the description of the Company's common stock contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the Commission on January 28, 2014, and any amendment or report filed with the Commission for the purpose of updating the description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained herein or in a document, all or a portion of which is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document that also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or amended, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

None.

Item 6. Indemnification of Trustees and Officers.

Delaware General Corporation Law

The Company is a Delaware corporation. Subsection (a) of Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, or the DGCL, empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or who is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful.

Subsection (b) of Section 145 empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person acted in any of the capacities set forth above, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

Section 145 further provides that to the extent a director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 145, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith, that indemnification provided for by Section 145 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the indemnified party may be entitled and the indemnification provided for by Section 145 shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of such person's heirs, executors and administrators. Section 145 also empowers the corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liabilities under Section 145.

Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL provides that a corporation's certificate of incorporation may contain a provision eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, provided that such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) for willful or negligent violations of certain provisions in the DGCL imposing certain requirements with respect to stock repurchases, redemptions and dividends as detailed under Section 174 of the DGCL or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Charter of The New Home Company Inc.

Article X of the certificate of incorporation of The New Home Company Inc. provides that the Company shall, to the fullest extent authorized by the DGCL, indemnify any person made, or threatened to be made, a party to, or is

otherwise involved in, any action, suit or proceeding (whether civil, criminal or otherwise) by reason of the fact that he or she, or a person for whom he or she is the legal representative, is or was a director or officer of the Company. The Company may, by action of the Company's board of directors, provide indemnification to employees and agents of the Company to such extent and to such effect as the Company's board of directors shall determine to be appropriate and authorized by the DGCL. Article X also provides that no director of the Company shall be personally liable to the Company or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability (1) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Company or its stockholders, (2) for acts or

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omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (3) under Section 174 of the DGCL, or (4) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Bylaws of The New Home Company Inc.

Article VII of the Bylaws of The New Home Company Inc. provides that the Company shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, indemnify any person made or threatened to be made a party or that is otherwise involved in any action, suit or proceeding (whether civil, criminal or otherwise) by reason of the fact that he or she, or a person for whom he or she is the legal representative, is or was a director or officer of the Company or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture or other enterprise. The Company shall not be required to indemnify any person in connection with an action, suit or proceeding initiated by such person, including a counterclaim or crossclaim, unless such action, suit or proceeding was authorized by our board of directors. The Company may, by action of its board of directors, provide indemnification to such employees and agents of the Company to such extent and to such effect as its board of directors shall determine to be appropriate and authorized by Delaware law.

Indemnification Agreements

In addition, we have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our officers and directors. These agreements require us to indemnify these individuals to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law against liabilities that may arise by reason of their service to us, and to advance expenses incurred as a result of any proceeding against them as to which they could be indemnified.

To the extent that indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling our company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, we have been informed that, in the opinion of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

Insurance

We maintain standard policies of insurance that provide coverage (1) to our directors and officers against loss rising from claims made by reason of breach of duty or other wrongful act and (2) to us with respect to indemnification payments that we may make to such directors and officers.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

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Item 8. Exhibits.

See the Exhibit Index following the signature page(s) to this Registration Statement, which Exhibit Index is incorporated by reference.

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement.

(ii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement; provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this Section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to trustees, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be



governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Aliso Viejo, State of California, on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016.

The New Home Company Inc.

By: /s/ H. Lawrence Webb  
 Name: H. Lawrence Webb  
 Title: Chief Executive Officer and Chairman

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Each person whose signature appears below hereby severally constitutes and appoints H. Lawrence Webb, John M. Stephens, Wayne Stelmar and Miek Harbur, and each of them singly (with full power to each of them to act alone), his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution in each of them for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, and in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite or necessary to be done in and about the premises, as full to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or their or his or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| SIGNATURE                                     | TITLE   | DATE         |
|---|---|--------------|
| /s/ H. Lawrence Webb<br>H. Lawrence Webb      | Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board (Principal Executive Officer) | June 1, 2016 |
| /s/ John M. Stephens<br>John M. Stephens      | Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)            | June 1, 2016 |
| /s/ Wayne Stelmar<br>Wayne Stelmar            | Chief Investment Officer and Director   | June 1, 2016 |
| /s/ Sam Bakhshandehpour<br>Sam Bakshandehpour | Director  | June 1, 2016 |
| /s/ Michael Berchtold<br>Michael Berchtold    | Director  | June 1, 2016 |
| /s/ David Berman<br>David Berman              | Director  | June 1, 2016 |
|   | Director  | June 1, 2016 |

/s/ Paul Heeschen  
Paul Heeschen

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/s/ Gregory P. Lindstrom     Director June 1, 2016  
Gregory P. Lindstrom

/s/ Cathey S. Lowe             Director June 1, 2016  
Cathey S. Lowe

/s/ Douglas C. Neff             Director June 1, 2016  
Douglas C. Neff

/s/ Nadine Watt                 Director June 1, 2016  
Nadine Watt

/s/ William A. Witte            Director June 1, 2016  
William A. Witte

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EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit Number | Description  |  |
|----------------|--|--|
| 4.1            | Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of The New Home Company Inc.   | Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013                  |
| 4.2            | Bylaws of The New Home Company Inc.  | Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013                  |
| 4.3            | Specimen Common Stock Certificate of The New Home Company Inc.   | Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Amendment No. 10, filed on January 24, 2014) |
| 4.4            | Investor Rights Agreement among The New Home Company Inc., TNHC Partners LLC, IHP Capital Partners VI, LLC, WATT/TNHC LLC, TCN/TNHC LP and collectively H. Lawrence Webb, Wayne J. Stelmar, Joseph D. Davis and Thomas Redwitz | Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013                  |
| 5.1            | Opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP  | Filed herewith   |
| 23.1           | Consent of Ernst & Young LLP   | Filed herewith   |
| 23.2           | Consent of Ernst & Young LLP   | Filed herewith   |
| 23.3           | Consent of Latham & Watkins LLP  | Included in Exhibit 5.1  |
| 24.1           | Power of Attorney  | Included on the signature page to this Registration Statement  |
| 99.1           | The New Home Company Inc. 2016 Incentive Award Plan  | Filed herewith   |