

CARRIAGE SERVICES INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
 PAYNE MELVIN C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [CSV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3040 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 300
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/06/2015

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

HOUSTON, TX 77056

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/06/2015		M	21,200 A \$ 4.78	1,303,343	D	
Common Stock	11/06/2015		M	14,000 A \$ 5.7	1,317,343	D	
Common Stock	11/06/2015		F	7,508 (1) D \$ 24.13	1,309,835	D	
Common Stock	11/09/2015		G	425 D \$ 23.35	1,309,410	D	
Common Stock					3,518	I	Spouse

Common Stock	80,270	I	daughter in same household
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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 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)	
					V	(A) (D)		Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 4.78	11/06/2015		M		21,200	<u>(2)</u> 05/18/2020	Common Stock	21,200
Stock Options	\$ 5.7	11/06/2015		M		14,000	<u>(3)</u> 02/28/2021	Common Stock	14,000
Stock Options	\$ 22.58						<u>(4)</u> 02/24/2022	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options	\$ 20.49						<u>(5)</u> 03/03/2019	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options	\$ 16.73						<u>(6)</u> 05/22/2018	Common Stock	100,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PAYNE MELVIN C 3040 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 300 HOUSTON, TX 77056	X		CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Melvin C.
Payne

11/10/2015

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Represents the surrender of already-owned shares on November 6, 2015 to cover payment of option exercise price.
- (2) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 1/3 on 05/18/2011, 1/3 vested on 5/18/2012 and 1/3 vested on 5/18/2013. These stock options expire on 5/18/2020.
- (3) Stock Options grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vest 1/3 on 02/28/2012, 1/3 on 02/28/2013 and 1/3 on 02/28/2014. These stock options expire on 02/28/2021.
- (4) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which will vest 1/3 on 2/24/2016, 1/3 on 2/24/2017 and 1/3 on 2/24/2018. These stock options expire on 2/24/2022.
- (5) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which will vest 1/3 on 3/3/2015, 1/3 on 3/3/2016 and 1/3 on 3/3/2017. These stock options expire on 3/3/2019.
- (6) Stock Options grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vest 1/3 on 05/22/2014, 1/3 on 05/22/2015 and 1/3 on 05/22/2016. These stock options expire on 05/22/2018.

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