

CARRIAGE SERVICES INC

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PAYNE MELVIN C

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person - PAYNE MELVIN C (Last) (First) (Middle)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [CSV]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) CEO		
3040 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 300 (Street)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 11/6/2015			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
HOUSTON, TX 77056 (City) (State) (Zip)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)					

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	11/6/2015		M		21200	A	\$4.78	1303343	D	
Common Stock	11/6/2015		M		14000	A	\$5.70	1317343	D	
Common Stock	11/6/2015		F		7508 (1)	D	\$24.13	1309835	D	
Common Stock	11/9/2015		G		425	D	\$23.35	1309410	D	
Common Stock								3518	I	Spouse
Common Stock								80270	I	daughter in same household

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Options	\$4.78	11/6/2015		M		21200		(2)	5/18/2020	Common Stock	21200.0	\$4.78	0	D	
Stock Options	\$5.7	11/6/2015		M		14000		(3)	2/28/2021	Common Stock	14000.0	\$5.70	27419	D	
Stock Options	\$22.58							(4)	2/24/2022	Common Stock	100000.0		100000	D	
Stock Options	\$20.49							(5)	3/3/2019	Common Stock	100000.0		100000	D	
Stock Options	\$16.73							(6)	5/22/2018	Common Stock	100000.0		100000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (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.

(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 6) 05/22/2015 and 1/3 on 05/22/2016. These stock options expire on 05/22/2018.

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

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

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