

PAYNE MELVIN C
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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)
08/02/2012

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

HOUSTON, TX 77056
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	1,520,383	D	
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	3,818	I	spouse
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	11,600	I	minor daughter

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Performance Award ⁽¹⁾	\$ 9 ⁽²⁾	08/02/2012		A	400,000	⁽¹⁾ 08/02/2017	Common Stock 400,000

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
08/06/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

Represents performance-based stock awards granted under the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The award will vest (if at all) on or before August 2, 2017 on the date on which the closing price of Carriage's Common Stock is greater than or equal to \$21.50 for the third time, whether or not consecutive, within a period of 30 consecutive calendar days. If these conditions are satisfied on or prior to the first anniversary of the grant date, which is August 2, 2013, then the vesting date of these awards will be August 2, 2013; provided that the Reporting Person has remained continuously employed by Carriage through such date.

(2) The award represents the right of the Reporting Person to receive shares of Carriage Common Stock in exchange for payment of a purchase price equal to \$9.00 per share.

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