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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>PAYNE MELVIN C</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [ CSV ]</u>			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) <p style="text-align: center;">CEO</p>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2021			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
3040 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 300			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) HOUSTON TX 77056								
(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								1,240,347	D	
Common Stock								24,354	I	Spouse
Common Stock								4,164	I	Melvin C. Payne, Jr. 2016 Annuity Trust
Common Stock								4,164	I	Karen P. Payne 2016 Annuity Trust

**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 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: 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	(1)	02/17/2021		A		150,000		(1)	02/17/2031	Common Stock	150,000	(1)	150,000	D	
Stock Options	\$34.79	02/17/2021		A		150,000		(2)	02/17/2031	Common Stock	150,000	(2)	150,000	D	
Performance Award	(3)							(3)	12/31/2024	Common Stock	55,897		55,897	D	
Stock Options	\$25.43							(4)	02/14/2028	Common Stock	50,000		50,000	D	
Stock Options	\$26.54							(5)	03/21/2027	Common Stock	116,100		116,100	D	
Stock Options	\$20.06							(6)	02/23/2026	Common Stock	58,500		58,500	D	
Stock Options	\$22.58							(7)	02/24/2022	Common Stock	100,000		100,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Stock Options granted on 2/17/2021 pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan. 50,000 stock options would immediately vest upon the stock reaching a price of \$55.39 per share and 100,000 stock options would immediately vest upon the stock reaching a price of \$77.34 per share, as long as each price is reached for three consecutive trading days during the next 7 year period. These options expire on 2/17/2031.
- Stock Options granted on 2/17/2021 pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan that will vest in equal 20% increments each year over the next five years. These options expire on 2/17/2031.
- Represents performance awards, payable in shares on December 31, 2024 granted under the Carriage Services, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan. The award will vest (if at all) on December 31, 2024 provided that the Company's common stock reaches one of five pre-determined growth targets for a sustained period beginning on the grant date of May 19, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2024.
- Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Plan which vested 1/5 each year on 2/14/2019, 2/14/2020 and 2/14/2021 and 1/5 will vest on 2/14/2022 and 2/14/2023. The options expire on 2/14/2028.
- Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 1/5 each year on 3/21/2018, 3/21/2019 and 3/21/2020 and 1/5 will vest each year on 3/21/2021 and 3/21/2022. These stock options expire on 3/21/2027.
- Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 1/5 each year on 2/23/2017, 2/23/2018, 2/23/2019 and 2/23/2020 and 1/5 will vest on 2/23/2021. These stock options expire on 2/23/2026.
- Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 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.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Melvin C. Payne

02/19/2021

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

\* 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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