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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Brink Carl Benjamin | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CARRIAGE SERVICES INC</u> [CSV] | | ationship of Reporting Pe (all applicable) Director | 10% Owner | |
|---|---------------|---|--|------------------------|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 28634 PLEASANT FOREST DRIVE | | , | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/21/2017 | | Officer (give title below) Chief Financia | Other (specify below) Il Officer | |
| (Street) KATY (City) | XATY TX 77494 | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv Line) X | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (0.9) | (0.000) | | vative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Bene | ficially | Owned | | |

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (1130.4) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 6,059 | D | |

| | 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) | | Transaction of Code (Instr. Derivative | | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y | ate | 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 | \$26.54 | | | | | | | (1) | 03/21/2027 | Common Stock | 34,900 | | 34,900 | D | |
| Performance Award | (2) | | | | | | | (2) | 12/31/2021 | Common Stock | 7,920 | | 7,920 | D | |
| Stock Options | \$20.06 | | | | | | | (3) | 02/23/2026 | Common Stock | 10,000 | | 10,000 | D | |
| Performance Award | (4) | | | | | | | (4) | 12/31/2020 | Common Stock | 3,100 | | 3,100 | D | |
| Stock Options | \$22.58 | | | | | | | (5) | 02/24/2022 | Common Stock | 22,000 | | 22,000 | D | |
| Stock Options | \$20.26 | | | | | | | (6) | 02/25/2019 | Common Stock | 12,000 | | 12,000 | D | |
| Stock Options | \$16.73 | | | | | | | (7) | 05/22/2018 | Common Stock | 10,000 | | 10,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which will vest 1/5 each year on 3/21/2018, 3/21/2019, 3/21/2020, 3/21/2021 and 3/21/2022. These stock options expire on 3/21/2027.

2. Represents performance-based awards, payable in shares, granted under the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The award will vest (if at all) on December 31, 2021 provided that certain criteria surrounding Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA (Adjusted Earnings Before Interest Tax Depreciation and Amortization) and Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA Margin performance is achieved and the Reporting Person has remained continuously employed by Carriage through such date. The Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA performance represents 50% of the award and the Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA Margin performance represents 50% of the award.

3. Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 1/5 on 2/23/2017, and will vest 1/5 on 2/23/2018, 2/23/2019, 2/23/2020 and 2/23/2021. These stock options expire on 2/23/2026.

4. Represents performance-based awards, payable in shares, granted under the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The award will vest (if at all) on December 31, 2020 provided that certain criteria surrounding Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA (Adjusted Earnings Before Interest Tax Depreciation and Amortization) and Relative Shareholder Return performance is achieved and the Reporting Person has remained continuously employed by Carriage through such date. The Relative Shareholder Return performance represents 75% of the award and the Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA performance represents 25% of the award.

5. Stock Option grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. 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 will vest on 2/24/2018. These stock options expire on 02/24/2022.

6. Stock Option Grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan of 18,000 options granted on 02/25/2014, of which 6,000 options vested on 2/25/2015 and were exercised on 3/26/2015, 6,000 options vested on 2/25/2017. These options expire on 02/25/2019.

7. Stock Option Grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan of 15,000 options on 5/22/2013, of which 5,000 options vested on 5/22/2014 and were exercised on 3/26/2015, 5,000 vested on 5/22/2015 and 5,000 vested on 5/22/2016. The options expire on 5/22/2018.

Remarks:

/s/ Carl B. Brink

03/23/2017

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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).

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