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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PAYNE MELVIN C (Last) (First) (Middle) 3040 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 300 (Street) HOUSTON TX 77056 (City) (State) (Zip)	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) <p style="text-align: center;">CEO</p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/24/2018	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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	12/24/2018		G		1,550	D	\$14.5	1,336,266	D	
Common Stock								17,857	I	Melvin C. Payne, Jr. 2016 Annuity Trust
Common Stock								17,857	I	Karen P. Payne 2016 Annuity Trust
Common Stock								10,661	I	Spouse

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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock Options	\$25.43						(1)	02/14/2028	Common Stock	50,000	50,000	D	
Stock Options	\$26.54						(2)	03/21/2027	Common Stock	116,100	116,100	D	
Stock Options	\$20.06						(3)	02/23/2026	Common Stock	58,500	58,500	D	
Stock Options	\$22.58						(4)	02/24/2022	Common Stock	100,000	100,000	D	
Stock Options	\$20.49						(5)	03/03/2019	Common Stock	100,000	100,000	D	
Stock Options	\$5.7						(6)	02/28/2021	Common Stock	3,284	3,284	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Plan which will vest 1/5 on 2/14/2019, 2/14/2020, 2/14/2021, 2/14/2022 and 2/14/2023. The options expire on 2/14/2028.
2. Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 1/5 on 3/21/2018 and 1/5 will vest each year on 3/21/2019, 3/21/2020, 3/21/2021 and 3/21/2022. These stock options expire on 3/21/2027.
3. Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which 1/5 vested on 2/23/2017, 1/5 on 2/23/2018 and 1/5 will vest on 2/23/2019, 2/23/2020 and 2/23/2021. These stock options expire on 2/23/2026.
4. 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.
5. Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 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 granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan of 44,702 options granted on 02/28/2011, of which 14,900 options vested on 02/28/2012 and 3,283 were exercised on 12/20/2012, 14,901 options vested on 02/28/2013 and 14,000 were exercised on 11/06/2015 and 24,135 options were exercised on 03/29/2016. These stock options expire on 02/28/2021.

Remarks:

/s/ Melvin C. Payne 12/26/2018

** 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).

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