

# CARRIAGE SERVICES INC

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**FOSTER VINCENT D**

## FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| CIK         | 0001016281  |
| Symbol      | CSV   |
| SIC Code    | 7200 - Services-Personal Services                         |
| Industry    | Personal Services   |
| Sector      | Services  |
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 17(a) of the Public  
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment  
Company Act of 1940

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| <b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b><br><br><b>FOSTER VINCENT D</b><br><small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small><br><br><b>1300 POST OAK BLVD., STE. 800</b><br><small>(Street)</small><br><br><b>HOUSTON, TX 77056</b><br><small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small> | <b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b><br><br><b>CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [ CSV ]</b> | <b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</b><br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="float:right">_____ 10% Owner</span><br>_____ Officer (give title below) <span style="float:right">_____ Other (specify below)</span> |
| <b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)</b><br><br><p align="center"><b>7/8/2009</b></p>  |  | <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b><br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
| <b>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  |  |  |

### 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) |   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 7/7/2009       |                                   | P                         |   | 11214  | A          | \$3.37  | 89153   | D  |   |

### 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) |
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|  |  |                |                                   | Code                      | V |  | (A)                                     | (D) |   |  |   |  |  |

#### Explanation of Responses:

#### Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| <b>FOSTER VINCENT D<br/>1300 POST OAK BLVD., STE. 800<br/>HOUSTON, TX 77056</b> | <b>X</b>      |           |         |       |

#### Signatures

/S/ Vincent D. Foster 7/9/2009  
\*\* 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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