

CARRIAGE SERVICES INC  
Form 8-K  
November 01, 2018

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 1, 2018 (October 29, 2018)

Carriage Services, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware  | 1-11961                     | 76-0423828                         |
|   |                             | (IRS                               |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | Employer<br>Identification<br>No.) |

3040 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 300  
Houston, Texas 77056  
(Address, including zip code, of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
(713) 332-8400

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.**

In the press release dated October 31, 2018, the Company announced and commented on its financial results for its quarter ended September 30, 2018. A copy of the press release issued by the Company is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by this reference. The information being furnished under Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits, including the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to liabilities of that Section.

The Company’s press release dated October 31, 2018, contains non-GAAP financial measures. Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company’s performance, financial position, or cash flows that either excludes or includes amounts that are not normally excluded or included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. Pursuant to the requirements of Regulation G, the Company has provided quantitative reconciliations within the press release of the non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures.

**ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS**

On October 29, 2018, Mark R. Bruce informed the Company that he would resign from his position as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company, effective November 1, 2018.

In connection with his resignation, Mr. Bruce and the Company entered into a separation and release agreement (the “Separation Agreement”) which provides for (i) continuation of Mr. Bruce’s base salary for 18 months; and (ii) payment by the Company of continued coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act for up to 18 months, to the extent Mr. Bruce makes such an election. The Separation Agreement, which terminates Mr. Bruce’s employment agreement with the Company, contains customary release, confidentiality, non-competition, non-solicitation and non-disparagement provisions.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

The following are furnished as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

99.1 Press Release dated October 31, 2018

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Carriage Services, Inc. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CARRIAGE SERVICES, INC.

Dated: November 1, 2018 By: /s/ Viki K. Blinderman

Viki K. Blinderman

Senior Vice President, Principal Financial Officer and Secretary

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Description

99.1 Press Release dated October 31, 2018.