

CARRIAGE SERVICES INC  
Form 8-K  
July 27, 2004

## 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): **July 21, 2004**

### Carriage Services, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-11961**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**76-0423828**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1900 St. James Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Houston, Texas 77056**  
(Address, including zip code, of principal executive offices)

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

**Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure**

Carriage Services, Inc. (the Company) has finalized its discussions with the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regarding the application of FASB Interpretation No. 46 (revised December 2003), *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities* (FIN 46R). The Company implemented FIN 46R at the end of the first quarter of 2004. The Company's conclusions regarding the application of FIN 46R are fully described in the letter to Mr. Donald T. Nicolaisen, Chief Accountant, Securities and Exchange Commission attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which exhibit is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Letter dated July 21, 2004 from Carriage Services, Inc., Service Corporation International, Stewart Enterprises, Inc. and Alderwoods Group, Inc. to Mr. Donald T. Nicolaisen, Chief Accountant, Securities and Exchange Commission regarding the Company's conclusions regarding the application of FIN 46R.

**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.

Date: July 27, 2004

By: /s/JosephSaporito  
Joseph Saporito  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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