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

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September 23, 2005

Via U.S. Mail and Fax (713) 332-5475

Joseph Saporito
Chief Financial Officer
Carriage Services, Inc.
1900 St. James Place
4th Floor
Houston, TX 77056

**RE: Carriage Services, Inc.
Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004
Filed March 30, 2005**

**Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31 and June 30, 2005
File No. 1-11961**

Dear Mr. Saporito:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and do not, at this time, have any further comments.

Sincerely,

Larry Spigel
Assistant Director