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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Zirkman Joseph A Issuer Symbol CARROLS RESTAURANT (Check all applicable) GROUP, INC. [TAST] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title ) \_ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O CARROLS RESTAURANT 12/14/2007 VP, Gen Counsel & Secretary GROUP, INC., 968 JAMES STREET (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SYRACUSE, NY 13203 Person

| (City)                               | (State) (                               | Zip) Table  | e I - Non-D                            | erivative (                            | Secur  | ities Acqu | iired, Disposed of   | , or Beneficial  | y Owned   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--------|------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securit<br>n(A) or Di<br>(Instr. 3, | sposed | d of (D)   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$0.01 | 12/14/2007                              |   | P                                      | 100                                    | A      | \$ 9.84    | 73,103   | I  | See Footnote (1)  |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$0.01 | 12/14/2007                              |   | P                                      | 100                                    | A      | \$ 9.9     | 73,203   | I  | See Footnote  |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$0.01 | 12/14/2007                              |   | P                                      | 100                                    | A      | \$ 9.98    | 73,303   | I  | See<br>Footnote   |

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| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$0.01 | 12/14/2007 | P | 100 | A | \$<br>10.15 | 73,403 | I | See Footnote (1) |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---|-----|---|-------------|--------|---|------------------|
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$0.01 | 12/14/2007 | P | 100 | A | \$<br>10.23 | 73,503 | I | See Footnote (1) |

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#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code<br>(Instr. 3 | ction | 5.  Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |                     | ate                | Secur | int of<br>rlying                       | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-------|--|---------------------|--------------------|-------|--|---|
|   |   |                                      |   | Code                              | V     | (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |

### **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                   |       |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| and the second   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                           | Other |  |  |  |  |
| Zirkman Joseph A<br>C/O CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.<br>968 JAMES STREET<br>SYRACUSE, NY 13203 |               |           | VP, Gen<br>Counsel &<br>Secretary |       |  |  |  |  |

## **Signatures**

/S/ Joseph A. 12/14/2007 Zirkman

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

2 Reporting Owners

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The shares were purchased by the Reporting Person's spouse

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