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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Cooper Carla

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

Ruths Hospitality Group, Inc.

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[RUTH]

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

1030 W. CANTON AVE., STE. 100 02/25/2019

(Middle)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3.

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

WINTER PARK, FL 32789

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially Beneficial (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

40,741

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 02/25/2019 Stock

A 3,804 (1) A

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Titl		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Cooper Carla 1030 W. CANTON AVE., STE. 100 WINTER PARK, FL 32789	X						

Signatures

/s/ Alice G. Givens, under Power of Attorney 02/27/2019

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) Consists of shares of restricted stock units, granted pursuant to the Company's 2018 Omnibus Incentive Plan, which vest pro rata on March 13, 2020, March 13, 2021 and March 13, 2022.

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