FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Miles Gretta	Requiring (Month/Da	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2023  3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. [ TAST ]						
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CARROLS RESTAURANT			4. Relationship of Reporting Issuer (Check all applicable) Director	Person(s) to		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
GROUP, INC. 968 JAMES STREET	_		X Officer (give title below)  VP, Controller, As:	Other (below)	specify 6. Ir	(Check Applicable Form filed	Individual or Joint/Group Filing heck Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person	
(Street) SYRACUSE NY 13203	_						by More than One Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)								
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)			Nature of Indirect Beneficial wnership (Instr. 5)		
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value			103,140	D				
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)								
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversi or Exerci Price of	se Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivativ Security	e Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	3)	
Options (Right to Buy)	(1)	08/12/2027	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	25,000	7.12	D		

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The Options were granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's 2016 Stock Incentive Plan and will vest and become exercisable over a period of three years, with one-third (1/3) of such Options vesting on each of August 12, 2021, August 12, 2022 and August 12, 2023.

#### Remarks:

/s/ Gretta B. Miles

09/07/2023

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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