

Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Inc.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Isely Raquel M.</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O NATURAL GROCERS BY VITAMIN COTTAGE,Â 12612 W. ALAMEDA PARKWAY</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>LAKEWOOD,Â COÂ 80228</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>12/21/2015</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Inc. [NGVC]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</p> <p>13D Group Member</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock | 103,745 ⁽¹⁾ | D | Â |

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

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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. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Isely Raquel M. C/O NATURAL GROCERS BY VITAMIN COTTAGE, 12612 W. ALAMEDA PARKWAY LAKEWOOD, CO 80228 | Â | Â | Â | 13D Group Member |

Signatures

/s/ Kemper Isely, by Power of Attorney 05/27/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).

On December 21, 2015, the Reporting Person executed a Joinder Agreement pursuant to which she agreed that all shares of Common

- (1) Stock will be subject to the provisions of a Stockholders Agreement that contains voting agreements. As a result, the Reporting Person is a member of a Schedule 13D group that beneficially owns more than 10% of the Issuer's Common Stock.

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