

SPARTAN STORES INC  
Form S-8 POS  
November 18, 2003

Registration No. 333-96259

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO**  
**FORM S-8**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
**UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**SPARTAN STORES, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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**Michigan**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**38-0593940**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**850 76th Street**  
**Grand Rapids, Michigan**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**49518**  
(Zip Code)

**SPARTAN STORES, INC.**  
**LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN**

(Full Title of the Plan)

**Craig C. Sturken**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**  
**Spartan Stores, Inc.**  
**850 76th Street**  
**Grand Rapids, Michigan 49518**

Copies to:

**Alex J. DeYonker**  
**Warner Norcross & Judd LLP**  
**900 Fifth Third Center**  
**Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503-2487**

(Name and Address of Agent For Service)

**(616) 878-2000**

(Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent For Service)

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**REMOVAL OF SECURITIES FROM REGISTRATION**

The Registrant hereby amends Registration Statement No. 333-96259 on Form S-8 to remove from registration 668,000 shares of Spartan Stores, Inc. Common Stock, no par value (the "Deregistered Shares"). Registration

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Statement No. 333-96259 on Form S-8 originally registered 500,000 shares of Spartan Stores, Inc. Class A Common Stock, \$2 par value, but as discussed in Registration Statement No. 333-37050 on Form S-4 (discussing the merger with Seaway Food Town, Inc.), each share of Spartan Stores, Inc. Class A Common Stock, \$2 par value, was converted into 1.336 shares of Spartan Stores, Inc. Common Stock, no par value, upon the effective time of the merger. The Registrant registered the Deregistered Shares for purposes of the employee benefit plan described in the Registration Statement, but did not issue any of the Deregistered Shares pursuant to that plan.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Grand Rapids, State of Michigan, on this 12th day of November 2003.

SPARTAN STORES, INC.  
(Registrant)

By

/s/ Craig C. Sturken

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Craig C. Sturken  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Form S-8 Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

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November 12, 2003

\*/s/ M. Shan Atkins

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M. Shan Atkins  
Director

November \_\_, 2003

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Dr. Frank M. Gambino  
Director

November 12, 2003

\*/s/ Gregory P. Josefowicz

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Gregory P. Josefowicz  
Director

November 12, 2003

\*/s/ Elizabeth A. Nickels

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Elizabeth A. Nickels  
Director

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\*/s/ Timothy J. O'Donovan

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Timothy J. O'Donovan  
Director

November 12, 2003

\*/s/ Kenneth T. Stevens

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Kenneth T. Stevens  
Director

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/s/ Craig C. Sturken

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Craig C. Sturken  
Director

November 12, 2003

\*/s/ James F. Wright

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James F. Wright  
Director

November 12, 2003

/s/ David M. Staples

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David M. Staples  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

November 12, 2003

\* By/s/ Alex J. DeYonker

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Alex J. DeYonker  
Attorney-in-Fact