

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WALSH PETER**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AMERISTAR CASINOS INC [ASCA]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY, SUITE 490S**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/07/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Sr. V.P. and General Counsel**

**LAS VEGAS, NV 89169**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)				Price
Common Stock	11/07/2006		M		9,758	A	\$ 6.9675	9,758	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	11/07/2006		S		3,758	D	\$ 24.7	6,000	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	11/07/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 24.712	5,000	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	11/07/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 24.713	4,000	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	11/07/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 24.717	3,000	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>

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Common Stock	11/07/2006	S	2,000	D	\$ 24.72	1,000	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	11/07/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 24.7221	0	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	11/08/2006	M	10,930	A	\$ 6.9675	10,930	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	11/08/2006	S	10,930	D	\$ 24.7	0	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 6.9675	11/07/2006		M	9,758	12/19/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/20/2012	Common Stock	9,758
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 6.9675	11/08/2006		M	10,930	12/19/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/20/2012	Common Stock	10,930

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WALSH PETER 3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY SUITE 490S LAS VEGAS, NV 89169			Sr. V.P. and General Counsel	

## Signatures

Peter Walsh

11/09/2006

\*\*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) Securities owned by the Walsh Family Trust dated 9-11-03, of which Mr. Walsh and his spouse are co-trustees.

(2) Option vests in five equal annual installments commencing on December 19, 2003.

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