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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement STAGE STORES INC [SSI] REASOR CRAIG CLAYTON (Month/Day/Year) 06/08/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 10201 MAIN STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Officer _ Other Person HOUSTON, TXÂ 77025 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 5,931 (1) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

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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 Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/Year)	ate	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. 6. Nature of Indirect Ownership Form of (Instr. 5) Derivative	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

Shares (I) (Instr. 5)

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Signatures

/s/ R.E. Stasyszen, Attorney in Fact for C. Clayton Reasor

06/14/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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Reflects the grant on June 8, 2012 (Date of Grant) of restricted shares of the Issuer's common stock valued at \$100,000 based on the (1) closing price of the Issuer's common stock on that date. These shares will vest, on a cliff basis, on the earliest of (i) one year from the Date of Grant or (ii) on the date of the first Annual Meeting of the Company's shareholders following the Date of Grant.

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