

VAN HALL THOMAS A  
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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 \*  
 VAN HALL THOMAS A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 850 - 76TH STREET SW

(Street)

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49518

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SPARTAN STORES INC [SPTN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/07/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President of Finance

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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) |   |                 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|-----------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |   |                 |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |   |                 |
| Common Stock                    | 02/07/2006                           |  | S                              | 299   | D   | \$ 11.55   | 40,955  | D |                 |
| Common Stock                    | 02/08/2006                           |  | S                              | 2,393   | D   | \$ 11.3608   | 38,562  | D |                 |
| Common Stock                    | 02/09/2006                           |  | S                              | 1,196   | D   | \$ 11.5274   | 37,366  | D |                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 491,231   | I | By 401(k) Plan  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 13,000  | I | By Wife's Trust |

