UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION August 29, 2016

ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Inc.

File No. 1-35608 - CF#34036

Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Inc. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 10-Q filed on July 28, 2016.

Based on representations by Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Inc. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

Exhibit 10.41 through May 31, 2021

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

Brent J. Fields Secretary