RETAIL VENTURES INC Form S-8 POS December 30, 2005

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 30, 2005 Registration No. 333-124267

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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

RETAIL VENTURES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 20-0090238

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3241 Westerville Road, Columbus, Ohio

43224

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Retail Ventures, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan

(Full title of the plan)
James A. McGrady
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary
Retail Ventures, Inc.
3241 Westerville Road
Columbus, Ohio 43224

(Name and address of agent for service) (614) 471-4722

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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EXPLANATORY NOTE DEREGISTRATION OF SECURITIES

Pursuant to its registration statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-124267) filed April 22, 2005 (the Registration Statement), Retail Ventures, Inc. (the Company) registered 50,000 shares of the Company s common stock, no par value, (the Common Stock), issuable pursuant to the Company s Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the Plan). The Plan was discontinued by the Company as of the end of May 2005. As a result of the termination of the Plan, the Company s obligation to maintain the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has expired. Pursuant to the undertaking contained in the Registration Statement, the Company is filing this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to deregister, as of the date hereof, any and all shares of Common Stock registered for sale under the Plan that remain unsold as of the date of termination of the Plan.

PART II INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT SIGNATURES

The Registrant. 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 Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Columbus, State of Ohio, on the 30th day of December, 2005.

RETAIL VENTURES, INC.

By: /s/ James A. McGrady James A. McGrady Executive Vice President, Chief

Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>		
*	Chairman of the Board of Directors	December 30, 2005		
Jay L. Schottenstein				
/s/ Heywood Wilansky	President and Chief Executive Officer and	December 30, 2005		
Heywood Wilansky	Director (Principal Executive Officer)			
/s/ James A. McGrady	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary (Principal	December 30, 2005		
James A. McGrady	Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)			
*	Director	December 30, 2005		
Henry L. Aaron				
*	Director	December 30, 2005		
Ari Deshe				
*	Director	December 30, 2005		
Jon P. Diamond				
*	Director	December 30, 2005		
Elizabeth M. Eveillard				

**	Director	December 30, 2005		
Lawrence J. Ring				
*	Director	December 30, 2005		
Harvey L. Sonnenberg				

<u>Signature</u>		<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
	*	Director	December 30, 2005

James L. Weisman

* By James A. McGrady pursuant to Powers of Attorney executed by the directors and executive officers listed above and previously filed as Exhibit 24 to Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed April 22, 2005. ** By James A. McGrady pursuant to Powers of Attorney executed by the director listed above and filed as Exhibit 24.1 to this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-8.

/s/ James A. McGrady James A. McGrady Attorney-In-Fact

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24.1 Power of Attorney Included herewith.