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Business will open in former theater/nightclub building

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CORPUS CHRISTI — Surplus Warehouse is moving this fall to its new location at a former movie theater and collection of night clubs on South Staples Street. An opening date has not been set.

Surplus Warehouse sells discount building materials including flooring, doors, windows, tubs, showers, vanities, molding and other products. It has leased 25,000 square feet of the 35,000-square-foot building most recently known as Carnival, a collection of night clubs. The building originally was a two-screen movie theater, later enlarged to six screens.

Surplus spokesman Jeff Chastain expects to open the new store in October or November.

NAI Cravey Real Estate Services announced on Monday that most of the building had been leased to the Arkansas-based Surplus Warehouse. NAI Cravey broker Lynann Pinkham represented the parent company, E.C. Barton, and declined to release the amount of the lease.

Ross Partlow, with Boerne-based Partlow Properties and Investment, represented the owner, Double T&C Properties. The company was formed in June and is being managed by Timothy Lange, John Taylor and Charles Forbes, according to the Secretary of State's Office.

Partlow said the remaining 10,000 square feet are for lease. The company is doing some demolition work inside the 41-year-old building before Surplus Warehouse can begin its work.

"It will be about another week before I know anything about our timeline and the work we will do to the place," Chastain said.

E.C. Barton has been in business for more than 124 years with 59 Surplus Warehouse stores throughout the country. It opened its store in Corpus Christi in 2005. The company doesn't plan to add more jobs. It will retain the three store employees, Chastain said.