

November 17, 2021

**VIA EDGAR**

United States Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporation Finance  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Re: Barrett Business Services, Inc.  
Registration Statement on Form S-3  
File No. 333-260745**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Rule 461 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Barrett Business Services, Inc. (the "Company"), hereby respectfully requests that the above-referenced Registration Statement be declared effective at *noon Eastern Time on November 22, 2021*, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Please call Mary Ann Frantz of Miller Nash LLP at (503) 205-2552 to confirm the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or with any questions that you may have.

Very truly yours,

BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES, INC.

By: /s/ Anthony J. Harris  
Anthony J. Harris  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

cc: Mary Ann Frantz