# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549** 

# FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

# GLADSTONE COMMERCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland (State of incorporation or organization)

02-0681276 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 200, McLean, Virginia (Address of principal executive offices)

22102 (Zip Code)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class
to be so registered
7.125% Series C Cumulative Term
Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value

Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered NASDAQ Global Select Market

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), please check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), please check the following box.

Securities Act registration file number to which this form relates: File No. 333-128783 Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

#### Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

The description of the 7.125% Series C Cumulative Term Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Preferred Stock"), of Gladstone Commercial Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "Registrant"), is incorporated by reference to the information set forth under the caption "Description of the Series C Term Preferred Stock" in the prospectus supplement dated January 25, 2012 and filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(5) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in the form in which it was filed on January 26, 2012 with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The prospectus supplement supplements the prospectus contained in the Registrant's registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-169290), which was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 27, 2010. The Preferred Stock is expected to be listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market.

#### Item 2. Exhibits.

Pursuant to the Instructions as to exhibits for registration statements on Form 8-A, the documents listed below are filed as exhibits to this Registration Statement:

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 3.1               | Articles of Amendment and Restatement to Articles of Incorporation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-11 (File No. 333-106024), filed June 11, 2003.  |  |  |  |
| 3.1.1             | Articles Supplementary Establishing and Fixing the Rights and Preferences of the 7.75% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 of Form 8-A12G (File No. 000-50363), filed January 19, 2006.                     |  |  |  |
| 3.1.2             | Articles of Amendment to Articles Supplementary Establishing and Fixing the Rights and Preferences of 7.75% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 of Form 8-K (File No. 000-50363), filed on April 13, 2006. |  |  |  |
| 3.1.3             | Articles Supplementary Establishing and Fixing the Rights and Preferences of the 7.5% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 of Form 8-A12B (File No. 000-50363), filed October 19, 2006.                      |  |  |  |
| 3.1.4             | Articles of Amendment to Articles of Amendment and Restatement to Articles of Incorporation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (File No. 001-33097), filed July 30, 2009.  |  |  |  |
| 3.1.5             | Articles Supplementary, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-33097), filed March 19, 2010.   |  |  |  |
| 3.1.6             | Articles Supplementary, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-33097), filed September 9, 2010.  |  |  |  |
| 3.1.7             | Articles Supplementary, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-33097), filed September 9, 2010.  |  |  |  |
| 3.1.8             | Articles Supplementary Establishing and Fixing the Rights and Preferences of the 7.125% Series C Cumulative Term Preferred Stock, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of Form 8-K (File No. 001-33097), filed January 25, 2012.                             |  |  |  |

- 3.2 Bylaws, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-11 (File No. 333-106024), filed June 11, 2003.
- 3.2.1 First Amendment to Bylaws, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 of the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-33097), filed July 10, 2007.
- 4.1 Form of Certificate for Common Stock of Gladstone Commercial Corporation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-11 (File No. 333-106024), filed August 8, 2003.
- 4.2 Form of Certificate for 7.75% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock of Gladstone Commercial Corporation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of Form 8-A12G (File No. 000-50363), filed January 19, 2006.
- 4.3 Form of Certificate for 7.5% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock of Gladstone Commercial Corporation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of Form 8-A12B (File No. 001-33097), filed October 19, 2006.
- 4.4 Form of Certificate for 7.125% Series C Cumulative Term Preferred Stock of Gladstone Commercial Corporation.

Date: January 31, 2012

#### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

GLADSTONE COMMERCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ David Gladstone

David Gladstone Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors

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ORPHIT, NEW YORK

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Corporation will furnish without charge to each stockholder who so requests a full statement of the information required by Section 2-211(b) of the Maryland General Corporation Law with respect to the designations, powers, preferences and relative participating, optional or other special rights of each class of stock or series thereof of the Corporation and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such preferences and/or rights. Such request may be made to the Corporation or the Registrar and Transfer Agent.

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this certificate, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

| TEN COM<br>TEN ENT<br>JT TEN                      | <ul><li>as tenants in common</li><li>as tenants by the entireties</li><li>as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants</li></ul> | UNIF GIFT MIN ACT-                          | Custodian (Minor) under Uniform Gifts to Minors Act.                |
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| Certificate, and do hereby irr                    | revocably constitute and appoint   | Shares                                      | s of the capital stock represented by the within                    |
| •   |  | Attorney to transfe                         | r the said stock on the books of the within named                   |
| Corporation with full power                       | of substitution in the premises.   | Attorney to transfe                         | The said stock on the books of the within named                     |
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|   | NOTICE   |   | IENT MUST CORRESPOND WITH THE NAME AS                               |
|   |  |   | CERTIFICATE IN EVERY PARTICULAR,<br>GEMENT, OR ANY CHANGE WHATEVER. |
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