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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/07/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)
 CINCINNATI, OH 45202

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/07/2012		J	4,922 D	\$ 0 12,400 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	05/07/2012		J	4,922 A	\$ 0 4,922 ⁽¹⁾	I	Joint w/Spouse
Common Stock	05/07/2012		J	400 D	\$ 0 12,000 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	05/07/2012		J	400 A	\$ 0 400 ⁽¹⁾	I	IRA
Common Stock	05/07/2012		J	1,591 D	\$ 0 2,409 ^{(1) (2)}	I	Jean Olszewski

By Richard
Olszewski
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Common Stock	05/07/2012	J	1,591	A	\$ 0	13,591 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	05/07/2012	J	8,291	D	\$ 0	5,300 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	05/07/2012	J	8,291	A	\$ 0	8,291 <u>(1)</u>	I
Common Stock	05/07/2012	D	2,409	D	\$ 0	0 <u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u>	I
Common Stock						2,535	I
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)						7,102	D

Held in
Joint
Brokerage
Account

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Restricted

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Deriv Secur (Instr. 3)
	\$ 18.63					Date Exercisable: 06/28/2006 Expiration Date: 06/28/2015	Title: Amount or Number of Shares: 8,663	

2005
(NQ)
Sock
Option

Common
Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
olszewski richard e 255 EAST FIFTH STREET SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X			

Signatures

/s/Terri J
Ziepfel, POA

05/09/2012

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Corrected breakdown of how previously reported shares are held.
 - (2) Shares distributed to beneficiary.
 - (3) Shares distributed to other beneficiaries.

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