

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/
Form 4/A
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(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)
4000 SMITH RD., SUITE 400
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/29/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP/CAO/Controller

CINCINNATI, OH 45209
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2009

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2009 | | J(1) | 500 D \$ 0 | 7,450 | I | Restricted |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2009 | | J(1) | 500 A \$ 0 | 2,950 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2009 | | J(2) | 2,450 D \$ 0 | 500 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2009 | | J(2) | 2,450 A \$ 0 | 2,450 | I | USB Brokerage Account |
| Common Stock | | | | | 71.5994 | I | 401k |

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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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| 2006 (ISO) Stock Option | \$ 16.61 | | | | | 12/20/2007 | 12/20/2016 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| 2007 (ISO) Stock Option | \$ 14.9 | | | | | 04/30/2008 | 04/30/2017 | Common Stock | 6,711 |
| 2007 (NQ) Stock Option | \$ 14.9 | | | | | 04/30/2008 | 04/30/2017 | Common Stock | 289 |
| 2008 (ISO) Stock Option | \$ 11.64 | | | | | 02/14/2009 | 02/14/2018 | Common Stock | 8,591 |
| 2008 (NQ) Stock Option | \$ 11.64 | | | | | 02/14/2009 | 02/14/2018 | Common Stock | 19,409 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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4000 SMITH RD.
SUITE 400
CINCINNATI, OH 45209

SVP/CAO/Controller

Signatures

/s/Terri J
Ziepfel, POA

12/31/2009

__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) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award
- (2) Adjustment to reflect transfer of shares to USB brokerage account.

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