

REPUBLIC BANCORP INC /KY/
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 TRAGER STEVE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 REPUBLIC BANCORP INC /KY/
 [RBCAA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 601 WEST MARKET STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/21/2005

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

LOUISVILLE, KY 40202
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) | 177,207.378 ⁽⁸⁾ | I | By Jaytee Properties Limited Partnership ⁽¹⁾ |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) | 1,695,334.493 ⁽⁸⁾ | I | Teebank Family Limited Partnership ⁽²⁾ |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) | 6,783 ⁽⁸⁾ | I | By Spouse ⁽³⁾ |

Stock

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|---|--------------|---|--------------------|-----------------|---|-------------------|
| Class A Common Stock | 07/21/2005 | M | 5,512 (9) | A | \$ 11.79 (9) | 82,686 (8) | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | 6,870 (8) | I | By 401(k) Plan |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | 165,548.308 (8) | I | By ESOP (7) |

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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option Right to Buy | \$ 11.79 (9) | 07/21/2005 | | M | 5,512 (9) | 08/01/2004 | 07/31/2005 | Class A Common Stock | 5,512 (9) |
| Class B Common Stock | (4) | | | | | (5) | (6) | Class A Common Stock | (4) |
| Class B Common Stock | (4) | | | | | (5) | (6) | Class A Common Stock | (4) |
| Class B Common | (4) | | | | | (5) | (6) | Class A Common | (4) |

Stock

Stock

Class B

Common (4)

Stock

(5)

(6)

Class A

Common (4)

Stock

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TRAGER STEVE 601 WEST MARKET STREET LOUISVILLE, KY 40202 | X | X | President and CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Steven E.

Trager

07/25/2005

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Jaytee Properties Limited Partnership is a family limited partnership of which the reporting person is a general partner and a limited partner and of which trusts for the benefit of, among others, the reporting person, the reporting person's spouse, and the reporting person's two minor children are limited partners. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(2) Teebank Family Limited Partnership is a family limited partnership of which the reporting person is a general partner and a limited partner and of which trusts for the benefit of, among others, the reporting person, the reporting person's spouse, and the reporting person's two minor children are limited partners. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and the report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities.

(4) Conversion is on a share for share basis.

(5) Immediate.

(6) None.

(7) Includes 161,703.4222 unallocated shares of Class A Common Stock held by the Issuer's ESOP, of which the reporting person serves as a member of the Administrative Committee, and 1,816.44 shares of Class A Common Stock allocated to the reporting person's father. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities. Also includes 2,028.4457 shares of Class A Common Stock allocated to the reporting person under the ESOP.

(8) On January 21, 2005, the Issuer declared a stock dividend, payable to all holders of record of Class A and Class B Common Stock on March 25, 2005, of .05 shares of Class A and Class B Common Stock, respectively, for each share of Class A and Class B Common Stock outstanding.

(9) This option was previously reported as an option for 5,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$13.00 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock dividends declared by Issuer on March 18, 2004 and January 21, 2005. As a result of the stock dividends, pursuant to anti-dilution provisions of Issuer's employee stock option plan, the option entitled the reporting person to receive, upon

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exercise, a total of 5,512 shares of Class A Common Stock at an exercise price of \$11.79 per share.

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