

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/
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FORM 4

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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)
 300 HIGH STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/08/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Principal Accounting Officer

HAMILTON, OH 45011
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
 01/25/2006

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					5,228	D	
Common Stock					8,047	I	401-K
Common Stock					254	I	Joint w/Spouse
Common Stock					1,200	I	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		Expiration Date
1998 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 19.087							01/27/1999	01/27/2008	Common Stock	2
1999 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 22.565							01/25/2000	01/25/2009	Common Stock	1
2000 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.56							01/24/2001	01/24/2010	Common Stock	1
2001 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.0124	03/08/2006		<u>J(1)</u>		5,233.9876		01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock	5,233.9876
2002 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.2							01/17/2002	01/17/2012	Common Stock	2
2003 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.58							01/22/2004	01/22/2013	Common Stock	2
2004 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.09							01/21/2005	01/21/2014	Common Stock	1
2005 (ISO) Stock	\$ 17.51							04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	3

Option

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
fontaine elizabeth e 300 HIGH STREET HAMILTON, OH 45011			Principal Accounting Officer	

Signatures

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**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) Correction of mistake on original entry of number of derivative securities beneficially owned following reported transaction on 01/24/06

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