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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC] A stollings anthony m (Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 300 HIGH STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) HAMILTON, OHÂ 45011 Form filed by More than One SVP/CAO/Controller Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Ι Common Stock 1,000 Restricted Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly.

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | ity 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|--|--|-----------------|--|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--|
| | | | (Instr. 4) | | Price of | Derivative | (Instr. 5) |
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of | Derivative | Security: | |
| | | | | | Security | Direct (D) | |
| | | | | | | or Indirect | |

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Shares (I) (Instr. 5)

2006 (ISO) Stock Option 12/20/2007 12/20/2016 Common Stock 5,000 \$ 16.61 D Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

stollings anthony m

300 HIGH STREET Â Â Â SVP/CAO/Controller Â

HAMILTON, OHÂ 45011

Signatures

terri j ziepfel 01/08/2007

**Signature of Person

**Bignature of Person

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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| • | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| PRICE ROBERT W | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

138 PUTNAM STREET P.O. BOX 738

MARIETTA, OH 45750

Signatures

/s/ Edward G. Sloane, attorney-in-fact for Mr.
Price 01/04/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- Price, allocation to Insider's account, and shares payable pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Peoples Bancorp Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors of Peoples Bancorp Inc. and Subsidiaries.

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