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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â hoying john c | | (Month/Day/Year) | FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC] | |
| (Last) | (First) | 12/16/2005 | | |
| 300 HIGH STREET | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | 12/20/2005 |
| HAMILTON,Â OHÂ 45011 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | (give title below) (specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | | SVP-Retail Banking | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 562 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 1,830.91 | I | 401-K |
| Common Stock | 500 | I | Raymond James Brokerage Account |
| Common Stock | 2,388 | 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|--|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|---|--|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
| 2003 (ISO) Stock Option | 01/22/2004 | 01/22/2013 | Common Stock | 2,000 | \$ 16.58 | D | Â |
| 2003 (ISO) Stock Option | 01/17/2003 | 01/17/2012 | Common Stock | 1,000 | \$ 17.2 | D | Â |
| 2004 (ISO) Stock Option | 01/21/2005 | 01/21/2014 | Common Stock | 1,000 | \$ 17.09 | D | Â |
| 2005 (ISO) Stock Option | 04/18/2006 | 04/18/2015 | Common Stock | 5,711 | \$ 17.51 | D | Â |
| 2005 (NQ) Sock Option | 04/18/2006 | 04/18/2015 | Common Stock | 2,889 | \$ 17.51 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| hoying john c 300 HIGH STREET HAMILTON, OH 45011 | Â | Â | Â SVP-Retail Banking | Â |

Signatures

terri j ziepfel 01/19/2006
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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