

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/
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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 *
 DAVIS CLAUDE E

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)
 02/14/2008

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

HAMILTON, OH 45011
 (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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					40,000	D	
Common Stock					83.65	I	401-K
Common Stock	02/14/2008		A	26,700 A	\$ 0 87,400	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
2004 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.19						10/01/2005	10/01/2014	Common Stock	5,817
2004 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 17.19						10/01/2005	10/01/2014	Common Stock	44,183
2005 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.51						04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	5,711
2005 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 17.51						04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	78,389
2006 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.02						04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	6,242
2006 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.02						04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	97,658
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	104,980
	\$ 11.64	02/14/2008		A	8,591		02/14/2009	02/14/2018		8,591

2008 (ISO) Stock Option								Common Stock	
2008 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 11.64	02/14/2008		A	305,009	02/14/2009	02/14/2018	Common Stock	305,009

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DAVIS CLAUDE E 300 HIGH STREET HAMILTON, OH 45011	X		President & CEO	

Signatures

Terri Ziepfel 02/18/2008
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

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