CHARMING SHOPPES INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SULLIVAN JOHN J | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHARMING SHOPPES INC [CHRS] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|---|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) 450 WINKS L | (Last) (First) (Middle) 450 WINKS LANE | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/19/2008 | Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP - Controller | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | |
| BENSALEM, PA 19020 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | ^(Zip) Tabl | e I - Non-D | Derivative | Secu | rities Acqu | ired, Disposed of | , or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|------------------|---------------|--|---|---------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | Fransaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2008 | | M | 1,800 | A | \$ 3.9375 | 74,801 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2008 | | S | 1,800 | D | \$ 5.5 (1) | 73,001 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/22/2008 | | M | 1,700 | A | \$ 3.9375 | 74,701 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/22/2008 | | S | 1,700 | D | \$ 5.4 (2) | 73,001 | D | |

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. Transactio 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 Am Underlying Sect (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------|--|----------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | or No of Sh |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 3.9375 | 09/19/2008 | | M | 1,800 | 10/26/1999(3) | 10/26/2008 | Common Stock | 1 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 3.9375 | 09/22/2008 | | M | 1,700 | 10/26/1999(3) | 10/26/2008 | Common Stock | 1 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Keiationships | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |

SULLIVAN JOHN J 450 WINKS LANE

SVP - Controller

Signatures

BENSALEM, PA 19020

JOHN J

SULLIVAN 09/19/2008 **Signature of Date Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) This is a weighted average price. Prices range from a low of \$5.50 to a high of \$5.51.
- (2) This is a weighted average price. Prices range from a low of \$5.33 to a high of \$5.45.
- (3) Option became exercisable for 20% of the underlying shares annually, beginning on the date indicated.

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