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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

1(b).

Romano Anthony Issuer Symbol CHARMING SHOPPES INC (Check all applicable) [CHRS] X_ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 450 WINKS LANE 04/02/2012 President & CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

BENSALEM, PA 19020

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price Common \$0 04/02/2012 A 36,000 75,479 D Stock (1) (1)

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)

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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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and As Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Stock Appreciation Right (right to buy) (2)	\$ 6.04	04/02/2012		A	182,278	04/02/2013(3)	04/02/2019	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
rg	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Romano Anthony						
450 WINKS LANE	X		President & CEO			
BENSALEM, PA 19020						

Signatures

ANTHONY

ROMANO 04/02/2012

**Signature of Reporting 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) Employee award of restricted stock units granted under Charming Shoppes, Inc. 2010 Stock Award and Incentive Plan, for no consideration other than services, in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(d).
- (2) Stock appreciation rights ("SAR") exercisable for stock, granted for no consideration other than services. The grant is exempt under Rule 16b-3(d).
- The SAR will become exercisable as to 25% of the underlying shares on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant (Transaction Date), subject to acceleration and early expiration in the event of certain terminations of employment or if the awards are not assumed in a change of control.

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