

SULLIVAN JOHN J
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 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) (First) (Middle)
 450 WINKS LANE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/12/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP - Controller

BENSALEM, PA 19020

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
Common Stock	09/12/2008		M		8,400	A	\$ 3.9375	81,401	D	
Common Stock	09/12/2008		S		8,400	D	\$ 5.41 (1)	73,001	D	
Common Stock	09/15/2008		M		5,600	A	\$ 3.9375	78,601	D	
Common Stock	09/15/2008		S		5,600	D	\$ 5.32 (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. 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.9375	09/12/2008		M	8,400	10/26/1999 ⁽³⁾ 10/26/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.9375	09/15/2008		M	5,600	10/26/1999 ⁽³⁾ 10/26/2008	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SULLIVAN JOHN J 450 WINKS LANE BENSALEM, PA 19020			SVP - Controller	

Signatures

JOHN J
SULLIVAN 09/12/2008

**Signature of
Reporting Person

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) This is a weighted average price. Prices range from a low of \$5.40 to a high of \$5.46.
- (2) This is a weighted average price. Prices range from a low of \$5.30 to a high of \$5.40.
- (3) Option became exercisable for 20% of the underlying shares annually, beginning on the date indicated.

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