

ZIMMERMAN STEWART
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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 *
ZIMMERMAN STEWART

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MFA FINANCIAL, INC. [MFA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC., 350
PARK AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/05/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman and CEO

(Street)
NEW YORK, NY 10022

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	05/05/2009		P		7,000 A \$ 6.1	308,077	I 401(K) Plan
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	05/05/2009		M		30,770 A \$ 4.875	338,847	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	05/05/2009		M		69,230 A \$ 4.875	408,077	D

Common
 Stock, par
 value \$0.01 05/05/2009 F 60,612 D \$ 6.12 347,465 D
 per share
 (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)

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 4.875	05/05/2009		M	100,000	08/13/1999 ⁽²⁾ 08/13/2009	Common Stock	100,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ZIMMERMAN STEWART C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC. 350 PARK AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	X		Chairman and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Stewart
 Zimmerman 05/05/2009

**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) Shares delivered or withheld to pay the exercise price for 69,230 exercised stock options and certain related withholding taxes.
- (2) Stock option was exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on date exercisable set forth in column 6 above.

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