

SPECTER ERIC M
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FORM 4

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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 *
SPECTER ERIC M

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)
03/20/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP - Chief Financial Officer

BENSALEM, PA 19020

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	03/20/2006		F		800	D	\$ 13.73 159,870
Common Stock	03/20/2006		M		75,000	A	\$ 6 234,870
Common Stock	03/20/2006		S		75,000	D	\$ 13.5645 159,870 (1)
Common Stock	03/20/2006		M		40,000	A	\$ 4.3125 199,870
Common Stock	03/20/2006		S		40,000	D	\$ 13.5088 159,870

(2)

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.3125	03/20/2006		M	40,000	02/18/1999 ⁽³⁾ 02/18/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6	03/20/2006		M	75,000	03/13/1998 ⁽³⁾ 03/13/2007	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPECTER ERIC M 450 WINKS LANE BENSALEM, PA 19020			EVP - Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

SPECTER,
ERIC M. 03/20/2006

**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 \$13.50 to a high of \$13.66.

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- (2) This is a weighted average price. Prices range from a low of \$13.50 to a high of \$13.57.
- (3) Option became exercisable for 20% of the underlying shares annually, beginning on the date indicated.

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