

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/
Form 8-K
March 13, 2012

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 13, 2012

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

31-1042001
(I.R.S. employer
identification number)

Commission file number: 000-12379

255 East Fifth Street, Suite 700, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (877) 322-9530

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☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On March 13, 2012, First Financial Bancorp. (the Company) notified the warrant agent, Registrar & Transfer Company, as well as The Depository Trust Company, of an adjustment to the exercise price of warrants to purchase shares of the Company's common stock expiring December 23, 2018 (the Warrants) pursuant to the Warrant Agreement (the Agreement), dated as of June 2, 2010, between the Company and Registrar and Transfer Company and to the form of Warrant Certificate included as Exhibit A to the Agreement (the Certificate). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement or the Certificate.

On August 23, 2011, the Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.27 per share of Common Stock, payable on October 3, 2011, to shareholders of record at the close of business on September 2, 2011. Additionally, on October 25, 2011, the Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.27 per share of Common Stock, payable on January 3, 2012, to shareholders of record at the close of business on December 2, 2011. And finally, on January 24, 2012, the Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.31 per share of Common Stock, payable on April 2, 2012, to shareholders of record at the close of business on March 2, 2012.

These dividends trigger a requirement under Section 12 of the Certificate for adjustments to the Exercise Price and the Warrant Share Number. Accordingly, the Company gave notice to Warrant holders that, effective at the close of business on March 13, 2012, the Exercise Price had been adjusted from \$12.90 to \$12.629.

No adjustment was made to the Warrant Share Number, because the amount of such adjustment (before giving effect to the minimum adjustment threshold or rounding as specified in Section 12(E) of the Certificate) would have been an increase to approximately 1.0215 shares, representing an increase of less than one-tenth of a share. In accordance with Section 12(E), this amount shall be carried forward and an adjustment with respect thereto shall be made at the time of and together with any subsequent adjustment which, together with such amount and any other amount or amounts so carried forward, shall aggregate 1/10th of a share of Common Stock, or more, or on exercise of a Warrant if it shall earlier occur.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP.

By: /s/ J. Franklin Hall
J. Franklin Hall
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
and Chief Operating Officer

Date: March 13, 2012