

MERCANTILE BANK CORP
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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 *
 PRICE MICHAEL H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MERCANTILE BANK CORP
 [MBWM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman, President and CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION, 310 LEONARD STREET NW

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/30/2012

(Street)
 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

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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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	08/30/2012		F		3,287	D	\$ 17
Common Stock	08/30/2012		M		9,000	A	\$ 6.21
Common Stock	08/30/2012		F		825	D	\$ 17
Common Stock	08/30/2012		M		2,260	A	\$ 6.21
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Common
Stock

In 401(k)
plan

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.21	08/30/2012		M	9,000	01/01/2011 11/24/2015	Common Stock	9,000	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.21	08/30/2012		M	2,260	01/01/2012 11/24/2015	Common Stock	2,260	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PRICE MICHAEL H MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION 310 LEONARD STREET NW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Jerome M. Schwartz
Attorney-in-fact

09/01/2012

__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 share amount includes shares Mr. Price acquired pursuant to the issuer's 401(k) Plan since his last report of common stock ownership.

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