

DESABATO ANTHONY A  
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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 \*  
DESABATO ANTHONY A

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)  
11/21/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP - Corp. & Labor Relations

BENSALEM, PA 19020

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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	11/21/2005		M		40,000	A	\$ 6 146,080
Common Stock	11/21/2005		S		40,000	D	\$ 12.7138 106,080 <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	11/21/2005		M		60,000	A	\$ 4.3125 166,080
Common Stock	11/21/2005		S		60,000	D	\$ 12.65 106,080
Common Stock	11/21/2005		M		22,000	A	\$ 3.625 128,080

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Common Stock	11/21/2005	S	22,000	D	\$ 12.65	106,080	D
Common Stock	11/21/2005	M	66,000	A	\$ 6.8125	172,080	D
Common Stock	11/21/2005	S	66,000	D	\$ 12.65	106,080	D
Common Stock	11/21/2005	M	52,800	A	\$ 6.5	158,880	D
Common Stock	11/21/2005	S	52,800	D	\$ 12.65	106,080	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.625	11/21/2005		M	22,000	02/10/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/10/2009	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.3125	11/21/2005		M	60,000	02/18/1999 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/18/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6	11/21/2005		M	40,000	03/13/1998 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/13/2007	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.5	11/21/2005		M	52,800	02/23/2002 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/23/2011	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.8125	11/21/2005		M	66,000	01/31/2001 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/31/2010	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DESABATO ANTHONY A 450 WINKS LANE BENSALEM, PA 19020			EVP - Corp. & Labor Relations	

## Signatures

DE SABATO,  
ANTHONY A. 11/21/2005

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 \$12.69 to a high of \$12.82.
  - (2) Option became exercisable for 20% of the underlying shares annually, beginning on the date indicated.

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