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**Form 4**

**October 09, 2002**

- 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
 Alderson, Richard L.  
 8222 Lesourdsville-West Chester Road  
 West Chester, OH 45069
- 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
- 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)  
 302-46-4297
- 4. Statement for Month/Year  
 10/2002
- 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
- 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 Director                       10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)    Other (specify below)
- 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amou Secu Bene Owe End Mont
			Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock						677
Common Stock						3950
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)	10/07/2002	P		140	A	\$18.2500 2102

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	
Title of Derivative Security	Deriv- ative Security	Transac- tion Date (Month/ Day/Year)	Transac- tion Code	Acquired (A) Disposed (D)	Number of Derivative Securities	Date Exercis- able and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	Amount or Number of Shares
1997 (NQ) Stock Option	\$12.4623					04/22/2007	Common Stock	

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2000 (NQ) \$16.9048  
Stock Option

05/25/2010 Common  
Stock

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
/s/ Terri J. Ziepfel

DATE  
10/07/2002