

CHARMING SHOPPES INC  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |
| Â COOPERMAN LEON G                        |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | CHARMING SHOPPES INC [CHRS]                        |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | 12/01/2011                           |  |  |
| 2700 NORTH MILITARY TRAIL,Â SUITE 230     |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)                             | 12/12/2011   |
| BOCA RATON,Â FLÂ 33301                    |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director                  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below)                                 | (specify below)  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 5,169,236   | I <sup>(1)</sup>   | Managed Accounts                                      |
| Common Stock                    | 6,915,028   | I <sup>(2)</sup>   | Investment Entities                                   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
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|                     |                    |       |                                  |                        |   |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares | Derivative<br>Security | Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---|

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| COOPERMAN LEON G<br>2700 NORTH MILITARY TRAIL<br>SUITE 230<br>BOCA RATON, FL 33301 | ^             | ^ X       | ^       | ^     |

## Signatures

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Alan M. Stark, Attorney<br>In Fact | 02/21/2012 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person    | Date       |

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

The securities are held in managed accounts over which the reporting person has investment discretion. The reporting person disclaims  
(1) beneficial ownership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

The securities are held in the accounts of private investment entities over which the reporting person has investment discretion. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these securities  
(2) in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose. This filing does not include securities held in the accounts of such private investment entities over which the reporting person does not have investment discretion, and the reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of all such securities.

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