

Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
SMITH JACK A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE
(Street)

ORLANDO, FL 32809

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. [FRGI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/01/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	(D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	08/01/2012		A		821	A	\$ 0
						(1)	(1)
					32,401	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)

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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH JACK A 5900 LAKE ELLENOR DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32809	X			

Signatures

/s/ Jack A. Smith 08/03/2012

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) The Shares were granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's 2012 Stock Incentive Plan and subject to restrictions on transfer. The stock award reported herein shall vest (and the restrictions shall lapse) as follows: (i) one-third (1/3) of the Shares reported herein shall vest (and the restrictions shall lapse) on August 1, 2013 and (ii) an additional one-third (1/3) of the Shares reported herein shall vest (and the restrictions shall lapse) on each of August 1, 2014 and August 1, 2015, provided that the Reporting Person has continuously remained a director of the Issuer. Any unvested shares underlying the stock award reported herein will be immediately forfeited upon the Reporting Person ceasing to be a director. The stock award reported herein is not transferable unless vested.

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