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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 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement CHARMING SHOPPES INC [CHRS] À COOPERMAN LEON G (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 2700 NORTH MILITARY (Check all applicable) TRAIL, Â SUITE 230 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group _X__ 10% Owner Director Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person BOCA RATON, Â FLÂ 33431 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) I (1) Common Stock Managed Acounts 5,169,236 Common Stock 6,915,028 $I^{(2)}$ **Investment Entities** Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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)	Securities Underlying	4. Conversion		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	

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Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Amount or Derivative Number of Security Shares Security: Direct (D) or Indirect

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

COOPERMAN LEON G 2700 NORTH MILITARY TRAIL SUITE 230 BOCA RATON, FLÂ 33431

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Signatures

Alan M. Stark, Attorney In Fact

12/12/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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