

MERCANTILE BANK CORP  
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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 \*  
**PRICE MICHAEL H**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MERCANTILE BANK CORP [MBWM]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/18/2006**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**President & COO**

**MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION, 310 LEONARD STREET NW**

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504**

(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		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	(A) or (D)			
Common Stock	04/18/2006		F		4,233	D	\$ 41.71	15,282 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006		F		3,258	D	\$ 41.38	12,024	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006		M		6,829	A	\$ 8.228	18,853	D
Common Stock	04/18/2006		M		8,932	A	\$ 10.68	27,785	D
	04/18/2006		M		2,551	A	\$ 9.795	30,336	D

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Common Stock									
Common Stock	04/18/2006		M	2,551	A	\$ 9.06	32,887		D
Common Stock	04/18/2006		M	3,645	A	\$ 13.719	36,532		D
Common Stock	04/18/2006		M	3,472	A	\$ 17.788	40,004		D
Common Stock							8,950		I
									401(k) Plan

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 (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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.228	04/18/2006		M	6,829	(2) 11/30/2007	Common Stock	6,829	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.68	04/18/2006		M	8,932	12/01/2000 10/21/2008	Common Stock	8,932	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.795	04/18/2006		M	2,551	12/01/2001 02/16/2010	Common Stock	2,551	

Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.06	04/18/2006	M	2,551	11/09/2001	11/08/2010	Common Stock	2,551
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.719	04/18/2006	M	3,645	10/18/2002	10/17/2011	Common Stock	3,645
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.788	04/18/2006	M	3,472	10/17/2003	10/16/2012	Common Stock	3,472

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PRICE MICHAEL H MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION 310 LEONARD STREET NW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504	X		President & COO	

## Signatures

/s/ Jerome M. Schwartz  
Attorney-in-fact

04/20/2006

\*\*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) Includes shares not previously reported or required to be reported, that were acquired by reinvesting cash dividends under the issuer's dividend reinvestment plan.
- (2) The option, the exercise of the remaining portion of which is being reported here, vested in three equal annual installments, beginning 12/01/1997.

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