

Alderman John W III
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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 *
 Alderman John W III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CITY HOLDING CO [CHCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 25 GATEWATER ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/25/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP & Chief Legal Officer

CROSS LANES, WV 25313
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/25/2009 | | A | 750 A \$ 0 (2) | 3,850 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,851.7432 (1) | I | by 401(k) Plan & Trust |

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 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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Stock Option to Buy | \$ 36.9 | | | | | 12/21/2005 12/20/2015 | Common Stock 4,500 | |
| Stock Option to Buy | \$ 40.88 | | | | | 03/26/2013 03/25/2018 | Common Stock 1,500 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Alderman John W III 25 GATEWATER ROAD CROSS LANES, WV 25313 | | | SVP & Chief Legal Officer | |

Signatures

Victoria A. Faw,
attorney-in-fact

03/26/2009

**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 acquired pursuant to the Company's 401(k) Plan & Trust during the fiscal year in transactions exempt from 16b under old Rule 16a8(b). Share totals are reported as of the 12/31/2008 plan valuation date.

(2) For purposes of establishing a value of the stock award, the Company has determined that \$28.15 per share, or 100% of the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock on 3/25/2009, the Board approval date of the award, is appropriate.

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