

MERCANTILE BANK CORP  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**GARDNER JEFF A**

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)  
**12/06/2016**

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

**C/O MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION, 310 LEONARD STREET**

(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 (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)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount	Price		
Common Stock	12/06/2016		W	V	6,000	D	\$ 0 0	I	by Marshall Gardner Trust
Common Stock	12/13/2016		W	V	9,000	D	\$ 0 10,000	I	by Norma Gardner Trust
Common Stock	12/06/2016		W	V	6,000	A	\$ 0 6,000	I	by Jeff Gardner & Susan Gardner

Common Stock	12/13/2016	W	V	6,000	A	\$ 0	12,000	I	Weinberg as joint tenants by Jeff Gardner & Susan Gardner Weinberg as joint tenants
Common Stock	12/13/2016	W	V	3,000	A	\$ 0	50,252	I	by Trust
Common Stock							16,669 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock							11,500	I	by IRA

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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reporting 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

GARDNER JEFF A  
C/O MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION

310 LEONARD STREET  
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

## Signatures

/s/ Bradley J. Wyatt,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/16/2016

\_\_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).

This number includes 267 shares acquired since the reporting owner's last report of common stock ownership by reinvesting cash  
(1) dividends under the issuer's dividend reinvestment plan. It further reflects an additional 2,612 shares, for which the form of beneficial ownership changed since the reporting owner's last report of common stock ownership.

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