

RIVERVIEW BANCORP INC
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **January 20, 2005**

Riverview Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-22957
(Commission
File Number)

91-1838969
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

900 Washington Street, Suite 900, Vancouver, Washington
(Address of principal executive offices)

98660
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number (including area code): **(360) 693-6650**

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.06 Material Impairments

On January 20, 2005, Riverview Bancorp, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it intends to record an other-than-temporary impairment charge related to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac preferred stock held in its available for sale investment portfolio for the quarter ended December 31, 2004. The other-than-temporary-impairment totals approximately \$890,000, after-tax, or \$0.18 per diluted share.

For additional information, reference is made to the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Riverview Bancorp, Inc. dated January 20, 2005.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

RIVERVIEW BANCORP, INC.

DATE: January 20, 2005

By: /s/Ronald Dobyms
Ronald Dobyms
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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RIVERVIEW BANCORP TO REPORT NON-CASH CHARGE IN FISCAL THIRD QUARTER 2005 RELATED TO FNMA AND FHLMC PREFERRED STOCK

Vancouver, WA - January 20, 2005 - Riverview Bancorp, Inc. (Nasdaq: RVSB) today announced that it intends to record an other-than-temporary non-cash, non-operating impairment charge of approximately \$890,000 after-tax, or \$0.18 per diluted share, in fiscal third quarter 2005 ended December 31, 2004, related to certain Fannie Mae (Federal National Mortgage Association) and Freddie Mac (Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation) preferred stock that it holds.

Riverview holds these investment grade securities as part of its available for sale investment portfolio. Under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles the market devaluations have been recorded as a reduction in comprehensive income. Bank management has been closely following the market valuations of these securities and recent financial news on these agencies, and has concluded that these securities are other-than-temporarily impaired under guidance provided by Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) 115.

"We are simply making an 'abundance of caution' move as we do not believe the non-cash impairment charge reflects the true long-term value of these investments," said Pat Sheaffer, Chairman and CEO. "We believe this is the conservative interpretation of current accounting standards."

"We look forward to continuing to deliver strong results to our shareholders and to the communities we serve. We believe this adjustment at this time eliminates uncertainty about the potential future effects of either of these issues," Sheaffer added.

Riverview Bancorp, Inc. (www.riverviewbank.com) is headquartered in Vancouver, Washington - just north of Portland, Oregon on the I-5 corridor. It is the parent company of the 81 year-old Riverview Community Bank, as well as Riverview Mortgage and Riverview Asset Management Corp. There are 13 Southwest Washington branches, including nine in Clark County - the second fastest growing county in the state, and one lending center. The bank offers true community banking services, focusing on providing the highest quality service and financial products to commercial and retail customers. The company recently announced the signing of a definitive merger agreement with American Pacific Bank (Nasdaq: AMPB), a Portland, Oregon bank with assets of \$125 million. Pending regulatory and shareholder approvals, the company expects to close the transaction within the first calendar quarter of 2005.

Statements concerning future performance, developments or events, concerning expectations for growth and market forecasts, and any other guidance on future periods, constitute forward-looking statements, which are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that might cause actual results to differ materially from stated objectives. These factors include but are not limited to: RVSB's ability to maintain current dividend payments or increase dividend payouts to shareholders, regional economic conditions and the company's ability to efficiently manage expenses. Additional factors that could cause actual results to differ materially are disclosed in Riverview Bancorp's recent filings with the SEC, including but not limited to Annual Reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K.

Note: Transmitted on Business Wire on January 20, 2005 at 5:00 a.m. PST.

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