

First Foundation Inc.  
Form 8-A12B  
May 19, 2014

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-A**

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**First Foundation Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**California**  
**(State of incorporation or organization)**

**20-8639702**  
**(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)**

**18101 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 700**

**Irvine, California**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**92612**  
**(Zip Code)**

**Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

<b>Title of each class to be so registered</b>	<b>Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered</b>
<b>Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share</b>	<b>The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC</b>

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), please check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), please check the following box.

**Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates:**

**333-195392**

**Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:**

**None**

## INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

### **Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.**

A description of the Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of First Foundation Inc., a California corporation (the Registrant), to be registered hereunder is contained in the section entitled "Description of Capital Stock" in the prospectus included in the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-195392), initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) on April 18, 2014 (as such may be amended or supplemented from time to time, the Registration Statement), and is incorporated herein by reference. Any form of prospectus subsequently filed by the Registrant with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, that constitutes part of the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference.

### **Item 2. Exhibits.**

Under the Instructions as to Exhibits with respect to Form 8-A, no exhibits are required to be filed with this registration statement because no other securities of the Registrant are listed on The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC and the securities registered hereby are not being registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

**First Foundation Inc.**

Dated: May 19, 2014

By: /s/ JOHN M. MICHEL  
John M. Michel

Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

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