

JOHNSTON STEVEN J
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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 *
 JOHNSTON STEVEN J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CINCINNATI FINANCIAL CORP
 [CINF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 6200 SOUTH GILMORE RD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/01/2018

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

FAIRFIELD, OH 45014-5141

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	03/01/2018		M		13,573	A	\$ 0 97,656	D
Common Stock	03/01/2018		M		302	A	\$ 0 97,958	D
Common Stock	03/01/2018		M		523	A	\$ 0 98,481	D
Common Stock	03/01/2018		M		1,179	A	\$ 0 99,660	D

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	03/01/2018		M	13,573	(1) (1)	Common Stock	13,573
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	03/01/2018		M	302	(2) (2)	Common Stock	302
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	03/01/2018		M	523	(3) (3)	Common Stock	523
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	03/01/2018		M	1,179	(4) (4)	Common Stock	1,179
Phantom Stock Shares	\$ 0					(5) (5)	Common Stock	96,912

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSTON STEVEN J 6200 SOUTH GILMORE RD FAIRFIELD, OH 45014-5141	X		President & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Steven J
Johnston 03/02/2018

__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) The restricted stock units became payable March 1, 2018. The performance goals were met at the target level.
- (2) The restricted stock units vested March 1, 2018, as set forth in the grant agreement providing for ratable vesting over a three year service period ending March 1, 2018.
- (3) The restricted stock units vested March 1, 2018, as set forth in the grant agreement providing for ratable vesting over a three year service period ending March 1, 2019.
- (4) The restricted stock units vested March 1, 2018, as set forth in the grant agreement providing for ratable vesting over a three year service period ending March 1, 2020.

(5) The reported phantom stock shares were acquired under the company's Top Hat Savings Plan, an "Excess Benefits Plan" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3(b)(2), and are to be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service. The reporting person may transfer the value of his phantom stock shares into an alternative investment selection within the plan.

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