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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Sewell Michael J Issuer Symbol CINCINNATI FINANCIAL CORP (Check all applicable) [CINF] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title . (Month/Day/Year) below) 6200 SOUTH GILMORE RD 03/01/2018 CFO, Sr Vice Pres & Treasurer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

FAIRFIELD, OH 45014

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | rities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2018 | | M | 7,205 | A | \$0 | 63,102 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2018 | | M | 246 | A | \$ 0 | 63,348 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2018 | | M | 427 | A | \$ 0 | 63,775 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2018 | | M | 963 | A | \$ 0 | 64,738 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2018 | | F | 2,589 | D | \$ 74.18 | 62,149 | D | |

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number action of Derivative Securities 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | ivative Expiration Date ties (Month/Day/Year) red sed of | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 03/01/2018 | | M | | 7,205 | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common Stock | 7,205 | S |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 03/01/2018 | | M | | 246 | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 246 | Ş |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 03/01/2018 | | M | | 427 | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 427 | 9 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 03/01/2018 | | M | | 963 | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 963 | 9 |
| Phantom Stock Shares | \$ 0 | | | | | | <u>(5)</u> | <u>(5)</u> | Common Stock | 11,758 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|--|--|
| • | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Sewell Michael J 6200 SOUTH GILMORE RD FAIRFIELD, OH 45014 | | | CFO, Sr Vice Pres & Treasurer | | | |

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Signatures

/s/ Michael J Sewell

03/05/2018

**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.
- 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.
- The reported phantom stock shares were acquired under the company's Top Hat Savings Plan, an "Excess Benefits Plan" within the (5) 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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