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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ringwald Bradley J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]

(Check all applicable)

President, Community Banking

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

> (Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2018

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

255 EAST 5TH STREET, SUITE

(Street)

(First)

2900

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(State) (Zip) (City) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

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3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of 5. 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and 8. Price of 9. Nu (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionNumber **Expiration Date** Amount of Derivative Deriv Derivative Conversion

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		Underly Securiti (Instr. 3	ies	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	A) (D) Date Expiration Tit Exercisable Date	0 N 0	Amount or Number of Shares			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ringwald Bradley J 255 EAST 5TH STREET SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202

President, Community Banking

Signatures

/s/ Billie L.
Meents, POA

02/02/2018

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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