## **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Ringwald Bradley J			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/27/2018	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Origina Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
255 E 5TH	STREET, S	UITE 800					
(Street) CINCINNATI, OH 45202				(Check all applicable) <u></u> Director <u></u> 10% Owner <u></u> Officer <u></u> Other (give title below) (specify below) President, Community Banking			6. Individual or Joint/Group
							Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securit	ies Be	neficially Owned
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	*
Common St	tock		12,862		D	Â	
Common Stock			1,578		Ι	By 4	-01(k)
Common Stock			10,049	10,049		Restricted	
Common Stock			5,144		Ι	Restricted-P	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership

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(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		or Exercise Price of	Form of Derivative	(Instr. 5)
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Ringwald Bradley J 255 E 5TH STREET, SUITE 800 CINCINNATI, OH 45202	Â	Â	President, Community Banking	Â	
Signatures					
/s/ D:11: a I					

/s/ Billie L. Meents, POA	03/02/2018		
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

# **Explanation of Responses:**

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