

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)
 02/09/2018

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

FAIRFIELD, OH 45014-5141
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price	84,083	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)

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- (3) The restricted stock units vest in three annual installments on March 1, as set forth in the grant agreement, if service requirements are met.
- The reported phantom stock shares were acquired under the company's Top Hat Savings Plan, an "Excess Benefits Plan" within the
- (4) 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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