

Sewell Michael J
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Sewell Michael 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)
 CFO, Sr Vice Pres & Treasurer

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock				V	55,897	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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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 71.19	02/09/2018		A		41,700		02/09/2019 ⁽¹⁾	02/09/2028	Common Stock	41,700
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/09/2018		A		11,746		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	11,746
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/09/2018		A		3,012		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	3,012
Phantom Stock Shares	\$ 0							<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	11,600

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	

Signatures

/s/ Michael J
Sewell

02/12/2018

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The option vests in three annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

(2) The restricted stock units vest March 1, 2021, as set forth in the grant agreement, if performance goals are met. The number of restricted stock units shown is the maximum number of such units that may vest.

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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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