DAVIS CLAUDE E

Form 4

February 21, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DAVIS CLAUDE E

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

/OH/ [FFBC]

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2018

_X__ Director 10% Owner _ Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

below) below) **CEO**

255 E FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900

(Middle)

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

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non	Derivativ	e Secu	ırities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	cially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction(A) or Dis Code (Instr. 3, 4 (Instr. 8)		(A) or		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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/16/2018		Code V A	Amount 8,691 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 0	47,520	I	Restricted
Common Stock	02/16/2018		D	8,691 (2)	D	\$ 28.85	38,829	I	Restricted
Common Stock	02/16/2018		A	6,207 (2)	A	\$ 28.85	292,058	D	
Common Stock							580.1709	I	401-k
Common Stock							62,323	I	Restricted-P

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	J
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	,
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)]
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	Security				Acquired						J
					(A) or]
					Disposed						7
					of (D)						(
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration	Title	or Number		
					Exercisable Date	Date		of			
				Code V	(A) (D)						
				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DAVIS CLAUDE E							
255 E FIFTH STREET	X		CEO				
SUITE 2900	Λ		CEO				
CINCINNATI, OH 45202							

Signatures

/s/ Billie L.
Meents, POA

**Signature of Reporting

Date

Person

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) Award of stock pursuant to FFBC incentive plan.
- Vesting of Restricted Stock Award less shares used for taxes. Shares were awarded and immediately vested pursuant to the Company's short-term incentive plan.

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