

CINCINNATI FINANCIAL CORP
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 SCHERER J F

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)
 02/12/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP & Chief Ins. Off. - Sub

FAIRFIELD, OH 45014-5141

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 73,478 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,897 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By 401(k) Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | 50,413 | I | By Spouse's Trust |

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)

| 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) | \$ 61.47 | 02/12/2016 | | A | 7,081 | 02/12/2017 ⁽²⁾ | 02/12/2026 | Common Stock | 7,081 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 02/12/2016 | | A | 14,162 | ⁽³⁾ | ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 14,162 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 | 02/12/2016 | | A | 1,453 | ⁽⁴⁾ | ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock | 1,453 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SCHERER J F 6200 SOUTH GILMORE RD FAIRFIELD, OH 45014-5141 | | | EVP & Chief Ins. Off. - Sub | |

Signatures

/s/ Jacob F
Scherer, Jr. 02/16/2016

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

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) The reported stock was acquired under the company's 401(k) plan. The reporting person may transfer the value of his shares into an alternative investment selection within the plan.

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- (2) The option vests in three annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest March 1, 2019, 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.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest in three annual installments on March 1, as set forth in the grant agreement, if service requirements are met.

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