#### FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

Form 4

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## FORM 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BARBERCHECK RICHARD S	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)  255 E. FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2016	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
(Street) CINCINNATI, OH 45202	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-E	<b>Derivative</b>	Secu	rities Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally 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. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	ed of (D)	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	03/03/2016		D(1)	2,126	D	\$ 17.85	10,876	I	Restricted
Common Stock	03/03/2016		A(2)	1,444	A	\$ 17.85	20,827	D	
Common Stock							375.7	I	By 401(k)

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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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BARBERCHECK RICHARD S 255 E. FIFTH STREET SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202

**EVP & CCO** 

## **Signatures**

/s/ Billie L.
Meents, POA
03/04/2016

\*\*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) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award
- (2) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award less shares withheld for taxes.

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