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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Smith Joseph H IV</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>P. O. BOX 99900</u>  (Street) <u>LOUISVILLE KY 40269</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/26/2018</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>PAPA JOHNS INTERNATIONAL INC [ PZZA ]</u>  4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  <u>SVP and CFO</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)    6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	19,327.84	D	
Common Stock	1,084.46	I	By 401(k) Plan

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Options	(1)	02/25/2026	Common Stock	1,775	59.03	D	
Stock Options	(2)	03/01/2028	Common Stock	2,431	60.04	D	
Stock Options	02/26/2018	02/26/2025	Common Stock	523	63.92	D	
Stock Options	(3)	02/23/2027	Common Stock	1,887	78.77	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant date of 02/25/2016.  
2. The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant date of 03/01/2018.  
3. The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant date of 02/23/2017.

Debra A. Tate, by power of  
attorney

05/01/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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