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## VIA EDGAR

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

100 F. Street, N.E.

Washington, D.C. 20549

## Re: OceanFirst Financial Corp. SEC Commission File No. 001-11713

Application for Withdrawal of OceanFirst Financial Corp. s Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form S-8 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333- 220235) originally filed on February 1, 2018, EDGAR Tagged as Form Type POS AM, Accession Number 0001193125-18-028385 Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Rule 477 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, OceanFirst Financial Corp. (the <u>Company</u>) respectfully requests that the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission withdraw, effective as of the date of this request, the Company s Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form S-8 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-220235) originally filed on February 1, 2018, EDGAR Tagged as Form Type POS AM, Accession Number 0001193125-18-028385 (the <u>S-4 Post-Effective Amendment on Form S-8</u>).

We are requesting withdrawal of the S-4 Post-Effective Amendment on Form S-8 because of a filing error relating to the EDGAR coding. The S-4 Post-Effective Amendment on Form S-8 was incorrectly coded and filed under the EDGAR submission form type of POS AM rather than the intended EDGAR submission form type of S-8 POS. No securities have been sold under the S-4 Post-Effective Amendment on Form S-8. Simultaneously with the submission of this letter, we are also re-filing a Post-Effective Amendment on Form S-8 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-220235), with the correct EDGAR submission form type of S-8 POS.

Should you have any questions with respect to the foregoing, please feel free to contact David Ingles of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, our legal counsel, at (212) 735-2697.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Steven J. Tsimbinos

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Executive Vice President, General Counsel &

Corporate Secretary of OceanFirst Financial Corp.

cc: David C. Ingles, Esq.

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