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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement MERCANTILE BANK CORP [MBWM] À Reitsma Raymond E. (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2017 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 310 LEONARD ST. NW (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Director 10% Owner _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Officer Other Person GRAND RAPIDS, MIÂ 49504 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 15,875 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	11/17/2018	11/17/2026	Common Stock	500	\$ 36.22	D	Â

Reporting Owners

**Signature of Reporting Person

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Reitsma Raymond E. 310 LEONARD ST. NW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504	Â	Â	Â	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Bradley J. Wyatt,
Attorney-in-Fact
01/10/2017

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