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**Section 1: 8-A12B (PROVIDENT BANCORP, INC. /MD/)**

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

**FORM 8-A**

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Provident Bancorp, Inc.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

<u>Maryland</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	<u>Applied For</u> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
<u>5 Market Street</u> <u>Amesbury, Massachusetts</u> (Address of principal executive offices)	<u>01913</u> (Zip Code)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share</u> (Title of each class to be so registered)	<u>The Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC</u> (Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered)
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If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c) or (e), check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d) or (e), check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities concurrently with a Regulation A offering, check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement or Regulation A offering statement file number to which this form relates (if applicable): 333-232018

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

N/A  
(Title of class)

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**Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.**

For a description of the Registrant's securities to be registered, reference is made to the sections "Description of Capital Stock of New Provident Following the Conversion" and "Market for the Common Stock" in the Prospectus contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-232018), initially filed on June 7, 2019, and subsequently amended (the "Form S-1"), which sections are hereby incorporated by reference. For a description of the provisions of the Registrant's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws that may render a change in control of the Registrant more difficult, reference is made to the sections "Restrictions on Acquisition of New Provident" and "Description of Capital Stock of New Provident Following the Conversion" contained in such Prospectus, which sections are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 2. Exhibits.**

1. [Articles of Incorporation of Registrant \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Form S-1\).](#)
  2. [Bylaws of Registrant \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Form S-1\).](#)
  3. [Specimen Certificate for Common Stock \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4 of the Form S-1\).](#)
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## **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

### **PROVIDENT BANCORP, INC.**

DATE: October 16, 2019

By: /s/ David P. Mansfield  
David P. Mansfield  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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