

LINDNER S CRAIG
Form 4
December 27, 2011

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LINDNER S CRAIG

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP
INC [AFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
301 EAST FOURTH STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/22/2011

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)
Co-CEO & Co-President

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/22/2011		M		50,000	A	\$ 20.28	2,151,516	I	#1 ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	12/22/2011		S		50,000	D	\$ 36.9155 ⁽²⁾	2,101,516	I	#1 ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	12/23/2011		M		32,500	A	\$ 20.28	2,134,016	I	#1 ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	12/23/2011		S		32,500	D	\$ 37.2287 ⁽³⁾	2,101,516	I	#1 ⁽¹⁾
								111,862	I	#3 ⁽⁴⁾

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Common Stock			
Common Stock	25,873	I	#6 ⁽⁵⁾
Common Stock	26,818.9636	I	#12 ⁽⁶⁾
Common Stock	225,546	I	#23 ⁽⁷⁾
Common Stock	194,939	I	#24 ⁽⁸⁾
Common Stock	301,805	I	#25 ⁽⁹⁾
Common Stock	27,000	I	#26 ⁽¹⁰⁾

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock	\$ 20.28	12/22/2011		M	50,000	⁽¹¹⁾ 02/24/2015	Common 50,000
Common Stock	\$ 20.28	12/23/2011		M	32,500	⁽¹¹⁾ 02/24/2015	Common 32,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
X	Co-CEO & Co-President

LINDNER S CRAIG
301 EAST FOURTH STREET
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Signatures

S. Craig Lindner By: Karl J. Grafe, as
Attorney-in-Fact

12/27/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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) Indirect #1: SCL TTEE of the SCL Living Trust DTD 03/30/83.
The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$36.87 to 37.04, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to American Financial Group, Inc., ("AFG"), any security holder of AFG, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes 2 and 3.
- (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$37.02 to 37.29, inclusive.
- (3) Indirect #3: By Frances R. Lindner, Trustee for the Frances R. Lindner living Trust dated 9/13/93. (SCL)
- (4) Indirect #6: FRL, Cust. CFL Under OH Tsfr to Min Act. (SCL)
- (5) Indirect #12: Held in the Company's Retirement and Savings Plan. The number of shares of Common is based on a statement dated as of 12/31/10. (SCL)
- (6) Indirect #23: CFL TR U/A DTD 4/21/05 FRL TTEE (SCL)
- (7) Indirect #24: My Nyhart TTEE Christine CU Trust Agreement dtd 12/14/00.
- (8) Indirect #25: M. Nyhart TTEE CFL 2010 Consolidation Trust DTD 12/17/2010.
- (9) Indirect #26: M. Nyhart TTEE CFL 2010 Special Trust DTD 12/17/10.
These Employee Stock Options ("Options") become exercisable as to 20% of the shares initially granted on the first anniversary of the date of grant, with an additional 20% becoming exercisable on each subsequent anniversary. The Options were granted under the Issuer's Stock Option Plan pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (10) Indirect #26: M. Nyhart TTEE CFL 2010 Special Trust DTD 12/17/10.
- (11) Indirect #26: M. Nyhart TTEE CFL 2010 Special Trust DTD 12/17/10.

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