BERDING JOHN B

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BERDING JOHN B			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, 27TH FLOOR			(Month/Day/Year)				_	X Director 10% Owner Specify Other (specify below) Below) President of Subsidiary			
				nendment, I	· ·	al		. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
								Applicable Line) X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
CINCINNATI, OH 45202							Pe	Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Ta	ble I - Non	-Derivative	e Secu	ırities Acquir	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit orDisposed (Instr. 3, 4	of (D)	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)	
Common Stock	08/14/2018			Code V	Amount 5,600	(D)	Price \$ 111.629		D		
Common Stock	08/16/2018			S	12,121	D	\$ 112.8344 (2)	41,863.67	D		
Common Stock								233	I	By Trust	
Common Stock								5,154 <u>(3)</u>	I	ESPP	

401(k)

Common Stock

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	4. Transactio		6. Date Exerc Expiration D	ate	7. Title	nt of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
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						Exercisable	Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
F-	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BERDING JOHN B 301 EAST FOURTH STREET 27TH FLOOR CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X		President of Subsidiary				

Signatures

John B. Berding By: Karl J. Grafe, as 08/16/2018 Attorney-in-Fact

**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).

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$111.59 to \$111.69, 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 this footnote (1) and footnote 2.

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- (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$112.44 to \$113.29, inclusive.
- (3) Shares allocated to the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"). All ESPP information reported herein is based on a plan statement dated as of 12/31/2017.
- (4) Represents shares held in the Issuer's 401(k) Retirement and Savings Plan. The number of shares of Common Stock is based on a Plan Statement dated as of 12/31/2017.

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