

BERDING JOHN B

Form 4

March 08, 2013

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/06/2013

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

301 EAST FOURTH
STREET, 27TH FLOOR

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(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								109,622	D
Common Stock	03/06/2013		M		17,000	A	\$ 20.28	50,271	I
Common Stock	03/06/2013		S		17,000	D	\$ 44.6297 (1)	33,271	I
Common Stock	03/07/2013		M		4,570	A	\$ 20.28	37,841	I
	03/07/2013		S		4,570	D		33,271	I

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Common Stock	\$ 44.6798			
Common Stock	2,451 ⁽²⁾	I	ESPP	
Common Stock	1,166.24 ⁽³⁾	I	401(k)	

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)		8. Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		
Stock Option Exercise	\$ 20.28	03/06/2013		M	17,000	<u>(4)</u>	02/24/2015	Common		17,000
Stock Option Exercise	\$ 20.28	03/07/2013		M	4,570	<u>(4)</u>	02/24/2015	Common		4,570

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

John B. Berding By: Karl J. Grafe, as
Attorney-in-Fact

03/08/2013

__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 \$44.6219 to \$44.6666, 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 footnote (1) to this Form 4.
- (1) 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 12/31/2012.
 - (2) 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 12/31/2012.
 - (3) These Employee Stock Options become exercisable in five equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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