LINDNER S CRAIG

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Transactions Reported

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) 301 EAST F	(First) OURTH ST	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2018	_X_ Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Co-CEO & Co-President		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)		

CINCINNATI, OHÂ 45202

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(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-Deri	vative Secu	urities	Acqui	red, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securiti (A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/20/2018	Â	G	3,344	A	\$0	2,414,509	I	#1 (1)
Common Stock	11/20/2018	Â	G	1,953	D	\$0	2,412,556	I	#1 (1)
Common Stock	12/10/2018	Â	G	3,509	D	\$0	2,409,047	D	Â
Common Stock	12/12/2018	Â	G	217	D	\$0	2,408,830	D	Â

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Common Stock	12/31/2018	Â	G	22,252	D	\$0	2,386,578	D	Â
Common stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	113,229	I	#3 (2)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	33,511.16	I	#12 (3)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	2,324,600	I	#27 <u>(4)</u>

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)		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,	Expiration D (Month/Day)	Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
Phantom	<u> </u>			<u> </u>	4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	,
Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	$\hat{A} \stackrel{(5)}{=}$	(5)	Common	Â	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
FS	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LINDNER S CRAIG 301 EAST FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	ÂX	Â	Co-CEO & Co-President	Â			

Signatures

S. Craig Lindner By: Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact 02/13/2019

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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.
- (2) Indirect #3: By Frances R. Lindner, Trustee for the Frances R. Lindner Living Trust dated 9/13/93.
- (3) Indirect #12: Held in the Company's Retirement and Savings Plan. The number of shares of Common Stock is based on a statement dated as of 12/31/18.
- (4) Indirect #27: Shares voting and dispositive power and holds a remainder interest in shares held by charitable lead annuity trust. The reporting person disclaims beneficial interest of the shares held by the trust except to the extent of his pecuniary interest in such shares.
- Represents amounts held by Reporting Person in a retirement plan of the Issuer based on a statement dated 12/31/18. Each share is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock. The Reporting Person's account balance is distributed in cash following termination of employment.

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