

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)  
ONE EAST FOURTH STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/11/2008

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

CINCINNATI, OH 45202  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	01/16/2008		G	V 100,000 D \$ 0	3,920,832 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	#1 <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	01/17/2008		G	V 855 A \$ 0	3,921,687	I	#1 <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	02/11/2008		A	35,000 A \$ 0	3,956,687	I	#1 <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	01/17/2008		G	V 855 A \$ 0	78,449	I	#3 <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	01/17/2008		G	V 855 A \$ 0	26,753	I	#5 <sup>(4)</sup>

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Common Stock	01/17/2008		G V 855	A \$ 0	26,753	I	#6 <sup>(5)</sup>
Common Stock					0 <sup>(6)</sup>	I	#8 <sup>(7)</sup>
Common Stock					1,020,043	I	#9 <sup>(8)</sup>
Common Stock					1,485,000	I	#10 <sup>(9)</sup>
Common Stock					35,706	I	#12 <sup>(10)</sup>
Common Stock					1,581,027 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	#13 <sup>(11)</sup>
Common Stock					63,604	I	#14 <sup>(12)</sup>
Common Stock					63,604	I	#15 <sup>(13)</sup>
Common Stock					63,604	I	#16 <sup>(14)</sup>
Common Stock	01/17/2008		G V 855	A \$ 0	26,753	I	#17 <sup>(15)</sup>
Common Stock					36,330	I <sup>(6)</sup>	#18 <sup>(16)</sup>
Common Stock					36,330	I <sup>(6)</sup>	#19 <sup>(17)</sup>
Common Stock					36,330	I <sup>(6)</sup>	#20 <sup>(18)</sup>

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,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu

4, and 5)

	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Code	V	(A)	(D)	

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

S. Craig Lindner By: Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact	02/13/2008
**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) On January 4, 2008, Indirect #13 transferred to Indirect #1 161,973 shares of Common Stock.
- (2) Indirect #1: SCL TTEE of the SCL Living Trust DTD 03/30/83.
- (3) Indirect #3: By Frances R. Lindner, Trustee for the Frances R. Lindner living Trust dated 9/13/93.
- (4) Indirect #5: CEL, TTEE CEL 2002 Living Trust dtd 11/4/02.
- (5) Indirect #6: FRL, Cust. CFL Under OH Tsfr to Min Act.
- (6) On January 4, 2008, Indirect #8 transferred 36,330 each to Indirect # 18, 19, and 20.
- (7) Indirect #8: KEL TTEE Under Irr. Trust Agr. with Frances R. Lindner Grantor DTD 2/13/85.
- (8) Indirect #9: KEL, TTEE Under an Irrev. Trust Ind. with SCL DTD 12/22/83.
- (9) Indirect #10: SCL Investments, LLC
- (10) Indirect #12: The Company's Retirement and Savings Plans. The number of shares of Common Stock which would be represented by the value of the Reporting Person's Company Securities Funds account in the Issuer's Retirement and Savings Plan is based on a statement dated as of 12/31/07.
- (11) Indirect #13: SCL, TTEE of the SCL 2005-1 Qualified Annuity Trust DTD 4/21/05.
- (12) Indirect #14: M. Nyhart TTEE CEL Under Trust Agreement dtd 3/8/96.
- (13) Indirect #15: M. Nyhart TTEE CAL Under Trust Agreement dtd 3/8/96.
- (14) Indirect #16: M. Nyhart TTEE CFL Under Trust Agreement dtd 3/8/96.
- (15) Indirect #17: CAL, daughter of the Reporting Person.
- (16) Indirect #18: KEL TTEE CEL C/U Irrev Trust DTD 2/13/85.
- (17) Indirect #19: KEL TTEE CAL C/U Irrev Trust DTD 2/13/85.
- (18) Indirect #20: KEL, TTEE CFL C/U Irrev Trust DTD 2/13/85.

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