

BERDING JOHN B
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2018

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President of Subsidiary

301 EAST FOURTH STREET, 27TH FLOOR

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting 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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	44,045.029 (1)	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	233	I	By Trust
Common Stock	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	3,575.5938	I	ESPP (2)
Common Stock	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	66.3472	I	ESPP DRIP (3)

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Represents shares purchased by the Reporting Person through dividend reinvestment within the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP"). All ESPP DRIP information reporting herein is based on a plan statement dated as of 12/31/2018.

- (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 12/31/2018.
- (5) Represents amounts held by the Reporting Person in the Issuer's retirement plan based on a statement dated 12/31/2018. Each share is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock. Upon termination of employment or earlier, if so elected, the Reporting Person's account balances may be distributed, at the option of the Issuer, either in cash or in shares of the Issuer's common stock.

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