

LINDNER S CRAIG  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
05/15/2009

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

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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)			
Common Stock	03/17/2009		G	V	1,713	A	\$ 0	4,014,882	I	#1 (1)
Common Stock	05/15/2009		S		75,000	D	\$ 20.36 (2)	3,939,882	I	#1 (1)
Common Stock	05/18/2009		S		125,000	D	\$ 20.52 (3)	3,814,882	I	#1 (1)
Common Stock	05/19/2009		S		50,000	D	\$ 21.08 (4)	3,764,882	I	#1 (1)

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Common Stock	03/17/2009	G	V	1,713	A	\$ 0	110,162	I	#3 <sup>(5)</sup>
Common Stock	03/17/2009	G	V	1,713	A	\$ 0	29,398	I	#6 <sup>(6)</sup>
Common Stock							1,020,043	I	#9 <sup>(7)</sup>
Common Stock							1,485,000	I	#10 <sup>(8)</sup>
Common Stock							37,679.02	I	#12 <sup>(9)</sup>
Common Stock							63,604	I	#14 <sup>(10)</sup>
Common Stock							63,604	I	#15 <sup>(11)</sup>
Common Stock							63,604	I	#16 <sup>(12)</sup>
Common Stock							36,330	I	#20 <sup>(13)</sup>
Common Stock							341,568	I	#23 <sup>(14)</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, 4, and 5)	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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## 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

05/19/2009

\_\_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) Indirect #1: SCL TTEE of the SCL Living Trust DTD 03/30/83.  
The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$20.30 to \$20.51, 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 footnotes (2), (3) and (4) to this Form 4.
- (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$20.45 to 20.67, inclusive.
- (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$21.01 to 21.28, inclusive.
- (4) Indirect #3: By Frances R. Lindner, Trustee for the Frances R. Lindner living Trust dated 9/13/93. (SCL)
- (5) Indirect #6: FRL, Cust. CFL Under OH Tsfr to Min Act. (SCL)
- (6) Indirect #9: KEL, TTEE Under an Irrev. Trust Ind. with SCL DTD 12/22/83. (SCL)
- (7) Indirect #10: SCL Investments, LLC (SCL)
- (8) 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 12/31/08. (SCL)
- (9) Indirect #14: M. Nyhart TTEE CEL Under Trust Agreement dtd 3/8/96. (SCL)
- (10) Indirect #15: M. Nyhart TTEE CAL Under Trust Agreement dtd 3/8/96. (SCL)
- (11) Indirect #16: M. Nyhart TTEE CFL Under Trust Agreement dtd 3/8/96. (SCL)
- (12) Indirect #20: KEL, TTEE CFL C/U Irrev Trust DTD 2/13/85. (SCL)
- (13) Indirect #23: CFL TR U/A DTD 4/21/05 FRL TTEE (SCL)

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