

LINDNER CARL H III  
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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 CARL H III

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)  
 301 EAST FOURTH STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/12/2018

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)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock                    | 02/27/2018                           |  | G                              | V 130 A \$0   | 3,443,013   | I  | #1 <sup>(1)</sup>                          |
| Common Stock                    | 03/12/2018                           |  | A <sup>(2)</sup>               | 17,617 A \$0  | 3,460,630   | I  | #1 <sup>(1)</sup>                          |
| Common Stock                    | 02/27/2018                           |  | G                              | V 130 A \$0   | 38,098  | I  | #2 <sup>(3)</sup>                          |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,248,500   | I  | #12 <sup>(4)</sup>                         |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,428,174   | I  | #26 <sup>(5)</sup>                         |

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Common Stock 2,311,386 I #29 (6)

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 Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| LINDNER CARL H III<br>301 EAST FOURTH STREET<br>CINCINNATI, OH 45202 | X             |           | Co-CEO & Co-President |       |

Signatures

Carl H. Lindner III By: Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact 03/14/2018

\*\*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: CHL III, TTEE (or his Successors) of the Carl H. Lindner III Family Trust DTD 8/29/02 as Amended.
- (2) Stock award from the Issuer made under the Senior Executive Equity Bonus Plan.
- (3) Indirect #2: Martha S. Lindner, (or her Successor) of the Martha S. Lindner Family Trust DTD 8/30/02 as amended.
- (4) Indirect #12: Seraphim Partners LLC fka CHL Investments, LLC

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(5) Indirect #26: CHL III 2010-1 Qualified Annuity Trust DTD 4/9/10.

Indirect #29: Shares voting and dispositive power and holds a remainder interest in shares held directly or indirectly by a charitable lead

(6) 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.

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