

LINDNER S CRAIG  
Form 4  
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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/24/2009

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

ONE EAST FOURTH STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/03/2009		G	V 75,000 D \$ 0	3,417,117	I	#1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	08/31/2009		G	V 40,000 D \$ 0	3,377,117	I	#1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/24/2009		M	82,500 A \$ 17.1867	3,459,617	I	#1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/24/2009		S	82,500 D \$ 25.74 <sup>(2)</sup>	3,377,117	I	#1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock					110,162	I	#3 <sup>(3)</sup>

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Common Stock	29,398	I	#6 <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	1,020,043	I	#9 <sup>(5)</sup>
Common Stock	1,485,000	I	#10 <sup>(6)</sup>
Common Stock	37,679.02	I	#12 <sup>(7)</sup>
Common Stock	63,604	I	#14 <sup>(8)</sup>
Common Stock	63,604	I	#15 <sup>(9)</sup>
Common Stock	56,149	I	#16 <sup>(10)</sup>
Common Stock	36,330	I	#20 <sup>(11)</sup>
Common Stock	306,861	I	#23 <sup>(12)</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. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Common Stock	\$ 17.1867	09/24/2009		M	82,500	<sup>(13)</sup>	02/25/2010	Common	82,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

LINDNER S CRAIG  
 ONE EAST FOURTH STREET    X    Co-CEO & Co-President  
 CINCINNATI, OH 45202

## Signatures

S. Craig Lindner By: Karl J. Grafe, as    09/28/2009  
 Attorney-in-Fact

\_\_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 \$25.86 to \$25.65, 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 footnote 2 to this Form 4.
- (2) Indirect #3: By Frances R. Lindner, Trustee for the Frances R. Lindner living Trust dated 9/13/93. (SCL)
- (3) Indirect #6: FRL, Cust. CFL Under OH Tsfr to Min Act. (SCL)
- (4) Indirect #9: KEL, TTEE Under an Irrev. Trust Ind. with SCL DTD 12/22/83. (SCL)
- (5) Indirect #10: SCL Investments, LLC (SCL)
- (6) 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)
- (7) Indirect #14: M. Nyhart TTEE CEL Under Trust Agreement dtd 3/8/96. (SCL)
- (8) Indirect #15: M. Nyhart TTEE CAL Under Trust Agreement dtd 3/8/96. (SCL)
- (9) Indirect #16: M. Nyhart TTEE CFL Under Trust Agreement dtd 3/8/96. (SCL)
- (10) Indirect #20: KEL, TTEE CFL C/U Irrev Trust DTD 2/13/85. (SCL)
- (11) Indirect #23: CFL TR U/A DTD 4/21/05 FRL TTEE (SCL)  
 These Employee Stock Options ("Options") become exercisable as to 20% of the shares initially granted on the first anniversary of the date of grant, with an additional 20% becoming exercisable on each subsequent anniversary. The Options were granted under the Issuer's Stock Option Plan pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (12) Indirect #23: CFL TR U/A DTD 4/21/05 FRL TTEE (SCL)
- (13) Indirect #23: CFL TR U/A DTD 4/21/05 FRL TTEE (SCL)

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