

JENSEN KEITH A  
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 \*  
JENSEN KEITH A

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)  
03/14/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) Sr. Vice President  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

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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\_\_\_\_ 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 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	(D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/14/2012		M		8,181	A	\$ 20.28	54,912	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2012		S		8,181	D	\$ 38.334 (1)	46,731	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2012		M		11,819	A	\$ 20.28	58,550	D	
Common Stock	03/15/2012		S		11,819	D	\$ 38.3275 (1)	46,731	D	
Common Stock								8,343	I	Spouse

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Common Stock 754.97 <sup>(2)</sup> I 401-K

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
Stock Option Grant	\$ 20.28	03/14/2012		M	8,181	<sup>(3)</sup> 02/24/2015	Common Stock	8,181
Stock Option Grant	\$ 20.28	03/15/2012		M	11,819	<sup>(3)</sup> 02/24/2015	Common Stock	11,819

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JENSEN KEITH A 301 EAST FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202			Sr. Vice President	

## Signatures

Keith A. Jensen By: Karl J. Grafe 03/16/2012  
 \*\*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)

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The prices reported in Column 4 are weighted average prices. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$38.30 to \$38.37 and \$38.30 to 38.49, respectively, for sales on March 14 and March 15. 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 (1) and (2) to this Form 4.

- (2) Held in the Company's Retirement and Savings Plan. The number of shares of common stock is based on a statement dated as of 12/31/11.
- (3) These Employee Stock Options become exercisable in five equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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