

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC
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FORM 4

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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

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)
05/18/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman of the Board

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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					0	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2005		G	V 15,909 D \$ 0	6,943,776	I	Indirect #1 ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	05/18/2005		P	400 A \$ 31.96	6,944,176	I	Indirect #1 ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	05/18/2005		P	14,600 A \$ 31.99	6,958,776	I	Indirect #1 ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	05/18/2005		P	5,000 A \$ 31.9	6,963,776	I	Indirect #1 ⁽¹⁾

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Common Stock	7,008	I	Indirect #2 <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	896,418	I	Indirect #3 <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock	1,339,087	I	Indirect #7 <u>(4)</u>
Common Stock	3,000,000	I	Indirect #8 <u>(5)</u>

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. Nu...
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LINDNER CARL H ONE EAST FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X	X	Chairman of the Board	

Signatures

Carl H. Lindner By: Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact

05/19/2005

**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) #1: By Carl H. Lindner Jr., et al., Trustee for the Carl H. Lindner Amended and Restated Family Trust dated 12/23/83.

(2) #2: By Edyth B. Lindner, Spouse

(3) #3: By Lou Ann Flint, Trustee of the Edyth B. Lindner 2002-2 Qualified Annuity Trust U/A dated 8/19/02.

(4) #7: EBL, Trustee of the Edyth B. Lindner Family Trust dtd 4/13/04

(5) #8: By Joseph A. Pedoto, TTEE of the Edyth B. Lindner 2005-1 Qualified Annuity Trust dated 4/26/2005.

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