

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Peraino Vito C</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 301 EAST FOURTH STREET (Street) CINCINNATI OH 45202 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC [AFG]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Senior VP & General Counsel</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/05/2018	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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	02/05/2018		M		12,000	A	\$38.11	80,198.34	D	
Common Stock	02/05/2018		M		3,000	A	\$37.6	83,198.34	D	
Common Stock	02/05/2018		M		16,000	A	\$44.01	99,198.34	D	
Common Stock	02/05/2018		M		12,000	A	\$56.44	111,198.34	D	
Common Stock	02/05/2018		M		8,000	A	\$63.15	119,198.34	D	
Common Stock	02/05/2018		S		51,000	D	\$113.8579 ⁽¹⁾	68,198.34	D	
Common Stock								19,558	I	Held by Spouse

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option Exercise	\$38.11	02/05/2018		M			12,000	(2)	02/23/2022	Common Stock	12,000	\$0.00	0	D	
Stock Option Exercise	\$37.6	02/05/2018		M			3,000	(2)	03/12/2022	Common Stock	3,000	\$0.00	0	D	
Stock Option Exercise	\$44.01	02/05/2018		M			16,000	(2)	02/21/2023	Common Stock	16,000	\$0.00	4,000	D	
Stock Option Exercise	\$56.44	02/05/2018		M			12,000	(2)	02/24/2024	Common Stock	12,000	\$0.00	8,000	D	
Stock Option Exercise	\$63.15	02/05/2018		M			8,000	(2)	02/23/2025	Common Stock	8,000	\$0.00	12,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$111.88 to \$115.27, 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 (1) to this Form 4.

2. These Employee Stock Options become exercisable in five equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

Remarks:

Vito C. Peraino By: Mark A. Weiss as Attorney-in-Fact

02/07/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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