

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of**  
**The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **August 14, 2006**

**AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Ohio**

**1-13653**

**31-1544320**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**One East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, OH**

**45202**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **513-579-2121**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Section 8 - Other Events**

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On August 14, 2006, American Financial Group, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it has entered into an Agreement to sell certain of its New York real estate assets. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- a. Financial statements of business acquired. Not applicable.
- b. Pro forma financial information. Not applicable.
- c. Exhibits

Exhibit No.      Description \_\_\_\_\_

99.1              Press release, dated August 14, 2006.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.**

Date: August 14, 2006

By: Karl J. Grafe \_\_\_\_\_  
Karl J. Grafe  
Vice President

## **American Financial Group Announces Agreement to Sell New York Assets**

Cincinnati, Ohio - August 14, 2006 - American Financial Group, Inc. (NYSE/NASDAQ: AFG) today announced that it has reached an agreement to sell certain of its New York real estate assets. The sale is expected to close late in the third quarter or in the fourth quarter of 2006, subject to customary conditions. AFG expects to record an after-tax gain of approximately \$29 million (\$.36 per share) after transaction costs.

Through the operations of the Great American Insurance Group, AFG is engaged primarily in property and casualty insurance, focusing on specialized commercial products for businesses, and in the sale of retirement annuities and supplemental insurance products.

This press release contains certain statements that may be deemed to be "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements in this press release not dealing with historical results are forward-looking and are based on estimates, assumptions and projections. Examples of such forward-looking statements include statements relating to: the Company's expectations concerning the completion of the transaction, the amount of gain to be realized and transaction costs to be incurred. Actual results could differ materially from those expected by AFG.

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