

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>LINDNER CARL H III</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>ONE EAST FOURTH STREET</u>  (Street) <u>CINCINNATI OH 45202</u>  (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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Co-CEO &amp; Co-President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/22/2006</u>	
	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							0	D		
Common Stock							1,438,522 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	#1 <sup>(2)</sup>	
Common Stock							20,539	I	#2 <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock							14,878.42	I	#4 <sup>(4)</sup>	
Common Stock							509,873	I	#5 <sup>(5)</sup>	
Common Stock							81,219	I	#6 <sup>(6)</sup>	
Common Stock							21,289	I	#9 <sup>(7)</sup>	
Common Stock							21,289	I	#10 <sup>(8)</sup>	
Common Stock							1,000,000	I	#12 <sup>(9)</sup>	
Common Stock							21,299	I	#13 <sup>(10)</sup>	
Common Stock							1,584	I	#14 <sup>(11)</sup>	
Common Stock							10	I	#15 <sup>(12)</sup>	
Common Stock							21,289	I	#16 <sup>(13)</sup>	
Common Stock							0	I	#17 <sup>(14)</sup>	
Common Stock							2,853,239 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	#18 <sup>(15)</sup>	

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 Securities 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	\$40.34	02/22/2006		A		55,000		(16)	02/25/2016	Common Stock	55,000	\$0.00	55,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- On January 10, 2006, Indirect #18 transferred 146,761 shares of common stock to Indirect #1
- Indirect #1: By Carl H. Lindner III, For the Second Amended & Restated Carl H. Lindner III Family Trust Dated 3/11/94.
- Indirect #2: By Martha S. Lindner (Spouse), Trustee For the Second Amended and Restated Marth S. Lindner Family Trust dated 3/11/94.
- Indirect #4: The Company Retirement and Savings Account. 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 12/31/2005.
- Indirect #5: By Keith E. Lindner, Trustee under an Irrevocable Trust Indenture with Carl H. Lindner III dated 11/1/82.
- Indirect #6: By Keith E. Lindner, Trustee under an Irrevocable Trust Indenture with Carl H. Lindner III dated 7/1/83.
- Indirect #9: By Keith E. Lindner, Trustee under an Irrevocable Trust Indenture with Carl H. Lindner III and Marth A. Lindner dated 8/23/85.
- Indirect #10: By Keith E. Lindner, Trustee under an irrevocable Trust Indenture with Carl H. Lindner III and Martha S. Lindner dated 9/26/89.
- Indirect #12: CHL Investments, LLC, a limited liability company directly or indirectly wholly-owned by the Reporting Person.

10. Indirect #13: Daughter of Reporting Person

11. Indirect #14: Carl H. Lindner III, custodian of a minor.

12. Indirect #15: Son of Reporting Person.

13. Indirect #16: Son of Reporting Person.

14. Indirect #17: Spouse of Reporting Person.

15. Indirect #18: CHL III, TTEE of the CHL III 2005-1 Qualified Annuity Trust DTD 10/26/2005.

16. 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.

**Remarks:**

Carl H. Lindner III By: Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact      02/24/2006

\*\* 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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