

BERDING JOHN B
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BERDING JOHN B

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)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

301 EAST FOURTH STREET, 27TH FLOOR

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 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) | (A) or (D) | Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|-------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 103,000 | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 33,271 | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 2,451 ⁽¹⁾ | I | ESPP |
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 1,166.24 ⁽²⁾ | I | 401(k) |

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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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 20.28 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ ^ ^ (3) | 02/24/2015 | Common | 21,570 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 26.8933 | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ ^ ^ (3) | 02/22/2016 | Common | 14,700 |
| Phantom Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ ^ ^ (6) | ^ (6) | Common | ^ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BERDING JOHN B 301 EAST FOURTH STREET 27TH FLOOR CINCINNATI, OH 45202 | ^ X | ^ | ^ | ^ |

Signatures

John B. Berding By: Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact 02/13/2013

**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).

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Shares allocated to the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"). All ESPP information reported herein is based on a plan statement dated as of 12/31/2012.

- (2) Represents shares held in the Issuer's 401(k) Retirement and Savings Plan. The number of shares of Common Stock is based on a Plan Statement dated as of December 31, 2012.

- (3) 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.

- (4) On December 21 2012, the Reporting Person transferred 21,570 stock options to a Trust.

- (5) On December 21, 2012, the Reporting Person transferred 14,700 stock options to a trust.

- (6) Represents amounts held by Reporting Person in a retirement plan of the Issuer based on a statement dated 12/31/2012. Each share is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock. The Reporting Person's account balance is distributed in cash following termination of employment.

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