

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 *
 Peraino Vito C

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)
 301 EAST FOURTH STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/13/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior VP & General Counsel

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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)	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)
Common	03/13/2017		M	V 3,709	A \$ 19.1	73,832.3434	D
Common Stock	03/13/2017		M	7,645	A \$ 24.83	81,477.34	D
Common Stock	03/13/2017		S	11,354	D \$ 96.0147 (1)	70,123.34	D
Common Stock	03/14/2017		M	3,355	A \$ 24.83	73,478.34	D
Common Stock	03/14/2016		M	12,000	A \$ 34.34	85,478.34	D

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Common Stock	03/14/2017	S	15,355	D	\$ 96	70,123.34	D	
Common Stock						19,558	I	Held by Spouse

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option Exercise	\$ 19.1	03/13/2017		M	3,709	<u>(2)</u> 02/12/2019	Common Stock	3,709
Stock Option Exercise	\$ 24.83	03/13/2017		M	7,645	<u>(2)</u> 02/11/2020	Common Stock	7,645
Stock Option Exercise	\$ 24.83	03/14/2017		M	3,355	<u>(2)</u> 02/11/2020	Common Stock	3,355
Stock Option Exercise	\$ 34.34	03/14/2017		M	12,000	<u>(2)</u> 02/16/2021	Common Stock	12,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Peraino Vito C 301 EAST FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202			Senior VP & General Counsel	

Signatures

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

03/15/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$96.00 to \$96.10, 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.

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