

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC

Form 4

February 17, 2015

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
EVANS JAMES E

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)  
02/13/2015

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

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ 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)	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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/13/2015		M	30,000	A \$ 36.57	160,865	D
Common Stock	02/13/2015		S	30,000	D \$ (1) 62.8515	130,865	D
Common Stock					(2) 11,029.297	I	ESPP

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
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		
Stock Option Exercise	\$ 36.57	02/13/2015		M	30,000	<u>(3)</u>	12/31/2016	Common Stock		30,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
EVANS JAMES E 301 EAST FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X

## Signatures

James E. Evans By: Karl J. Grafe, as  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/17/2015

\_\_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).

- (1) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$62.83 to \$62.8901, 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) Shares allocated to the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan. All ESPP information reporting herein is based on a plan statement dated as of 12/31/2014.
- (3) In connection with the Reporting Person's retirement as an employee of the Company, the Employee Stock Options were accelerated to be fully vested and exercisable.

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