

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC
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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 *
 LINDNER CARL H III

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)
 ONE EAST FOURTH STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/13/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Co-CEO & Co-President

CINCINNATI, OH 45202
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/15/2006 | | G | V 1,119 D \$ 0 | 1,735,889 | I | #1 (1) |
| Common Stock | 09/06/2006 | | G | V 1,597 D \$ 0 | 1,734,292 | I | #1 (1) |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2006 | | S | 1,950 D \$ 47.75 | 1,732,342 | I | #1 (1) |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2006 | | S | 3,300 D \$ 47.76 | 1,729,042 | I | #1 (1) |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|-----------|---|----------------|
| Common Stock | 09/13/2006 | S | 500 | D | \$ 47.77 | 1,728,542 | I | #1 <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2006 | S | 300 | D | \$ 47.78 | 1,728,242 | I | #1 <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2006 | S | 1,800 | D | \$ 47.79 | 1,726,442 | I | #1 <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2006 | S | 8,850 | D | \$ 47.8 | 1,717,592 | I | #1 <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2006 | S | 2,050 | D | \$ 47.81 | 1,715,542 | I | #1 <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2006 | S | 1,500 | D | \$ 47.82 | 1,714,042 | I | #1 <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2006 | S | 1,500 | D | \$ 47.83 | 1,712,542 | I | #1 <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2006 | S | 2,500 | D | \$ 47.84 | 1,710,042 | I | #1 <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2006 | S | 9,850 | D | \$ 47.85 | 1,700,192 | I | #1 <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2006 | S | 550 | D | \$ 47.86 | 1,699,642 | I | #1 <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2006 | S | 3,950 | D | \$ 47.87 | 1,695,692 | I | #1 <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2006 | S | 900 | D | \$ 47.88 | 1,694,792 | I | #1 <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2006 | S | 200 | D | \$ 47.89 | 1,694,592 | I | #1 <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | 09/13/2006 | S | 450 | D | \$ 47.9 | 1,694,142 | I | #1 <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 21,117 | I | #2 <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 14,878.2 | I | #4 <u>(3)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 509,873 | I | #5 <u>(4)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 81,219 | I | #6 <u>(5)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 22,468 | I | #10 <u>(6)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 1,000,000 | I | #12 <u>(7)</u> |
| | | | | | | 1,584 | I | #14 <u>(8)</u> |

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) Indirect #1 By Carl H. Lindner III, For the Second Amended & Restated Carl H. Lindner III Family Trust Dated 3/11/94.
- (2) Indirect #2 By Marth S. Lindner (Spouse), Trustee for the Second Amended and Restated Marth A. Lindner Family Trust dated 3/11/94.
- (3) Indirect #4 The Company Retirement and Savings Account. the number of shares of common Stock which would be represented by the value fo the Reporting Person's Company Securities funds account in the Issuer's Reitirement and Savings Plan is based on a statement dated as of 12/31/2005
- (4) Indirect #5: By Keith E. Lindner, Trustee under an Irrevocable Trust Indenture with Carl H. Lindner III dated 11/1/82.
- (5) Indirect #6: By Keith E. Lindner, Trustee under an Irrevocable Trust Indenture with Carl H. Lindner III dated 7/1/83.
- (6) 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.
- (7) Indirect #12: CHL Investments, LLC, a limited liability company directly or indirectly wholly-owned by the Reporting Person.
- (8) Indirect #14: Carl H. Lindner III, Custodian of a minor.
- (9) Indirect #15: Son of a Reporting Person
- (10) Indirect #18: CHL III, TTEE of the CHL III 2005-1 Qualified Annuity Trust dated 10/26/2005.

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