

LINDNER CARL H  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
LINDNER CARL H

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)  
06/02/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman of the Board

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock					0	D	
Common Stock	06/02/2005		G	V	25	D	\$ 0
Common Stock	07/19/2005		G	V	100	D	\$ 0
Common Stock	07/25/2005		P	V	8,696.529 (2)	A	\$ 32.218
Common Stock	07/25/2005		P	V	18,469.705 (2)	A	\$ 32.218
					7,001,933	I	Indirect #1 (1)
					7,001,823	I	Indirect #1 (1)
					7,010,529	I	Indirect #1 (1)
					7,028,999	I	Indirect #1 (1)

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Common Stock	09/12/2005	G	V	10,424	D	\$ 0	7,018,575	I	Indirect #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	10/03/2005	G	V	7,022	D	\$ 0	7,011,553	I	Indirect #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	10/05/2005	G	V	20,462	D	\$ 0	6,991,091	I	Indirect #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	10/25/2005	P	V	<u>27,701.977</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 31.546	7,018,793	I	Indirect #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	11/08/2005	G	V	14,649	D	\$ 0	7,004,144	I	Indirect #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	11/21/2005	G	V	153,086	D	\$ 0	6,851,058	I	Indirect #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	12/01/2005	G	V	26,542	D	\$ 0	6,824,516	I	Indirect #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	12/02/2005	G	V	1,331	D	\$ 0	6,823,185	I	Indirect #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	12/08/2005	G	V	535	D	\$ 0	6,822,650	I	Indirect #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	12/12/2005	G	V	268	A	\$ 0	6,822,382	I	Indirect #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	07/25/2005	P	V	<u>1,200.806</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 0	576,258 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	Indirect #2 <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	07/25/2005	P	V	<u>2,283.405</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 31.546	578,541.638	I	Indirect #2 <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	07/25/2005	P	V	<u>2,853.585</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 32.218	653,994 <sup>(5)</sup>	I	Indirect #3 <sup>(6)</sup>
Common Stock	08/22/2005	G	V	653,994	D	\$ 0	0	I	Indirect #3 <sup>(6)</sup>
Common Stock	07/25/2005	P	V	<u>10.582</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 32.218	2,737.9539	I	Indirect #4 <sup>(7)</sup>
Common Stock	10/25/2005	P	V	<u>10.849</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 31.546	2,748.803	I	Indirect #4 <sup>(7)</sup>
Common Stock							2,677,229 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	Indirect #8 <sup>(8)</sup>

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)

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LINDNER CARL H ONE EAST FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X	X	Chairman of the Board	

## Signatures

Carl H. Lindner By: Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact

12/12/2005

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) #1: By Carl H. Lindner Jr., et al., Trustee for the Carl H. Lindner Amended and Restated Family Trust dated 12/23/83.

(2) These are shares issued through the Company's dividend reinvestment plan.

(3) On July 11, 2005, Indirect #8 transferred 141,568 shares of AFG common stock to Indirect #2 and on July 6, 2005 Indirect #3 transferred 160,924 shares of AFG common stock to Indirect #2. On August 22, 2005, Indirect #2 transferred 84,354 shares of AFG common stock to Indirect #3. On October 4, 2005, Indirect #8 transferred 181,203 shares of AFG Common stock to Indirect #2

(4) #2: By Edyth B. Lindner, Spouse

(5) On July 16, 2005, Indirect #3 transferred 160,924 shares of AFG common stock to Indirect #2. On August 22, 2005, Indirect #3 transferred 84,354 shares of AFG common stock to Indirect #2

(6) #3: By Lou Ann Flint, Trustee of the Edyth B. Lindner 2002-2 Qualified Annuity Trust U/A dated 8/19/02.

(7) #4: By Carl H. Lindner Jr., et al, Trustee for the Carl H. Lindner Amended and Restated Family Trust dated 1/22/82.

(8) #8: By Joseph A. Pedoto, TTEE of the Edyth B. Lindner 2005-1 Qualified Annuity Trust dated 4/26/2005.

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