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Person

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **EVANS JAMES E** Issuer Symbol AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP (Check all applicable) INC [AFG] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X_ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 301 EAST FOURTH STREET 09/25/2012 Senior Vice President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tak | ole I - Non- | Derivative | Secu | rities Acquii | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--------------|------------|--|--|---|----------------|----------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price | | (D) | 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 Stock | 09/25/2012 | | S | 10,000 | D | 37.5952 (1) | 169,328 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 10,030 | I | ESPP (2) |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transacti | 5. orNumber | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D | | 7. Title Amount | | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Nu Deriv |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Tear) | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of | (Month/Day/ | | Underly Securiti (Instr. 3 | ying ies | Security (Instr. 5) | Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title N | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Attorney-in-Fact

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| reporting 6 wher runne / runness | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| EVANS JAMES E 301 EAST FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202 | X | | Senior Vice President | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |
| James E. Evans By: Karl J. Grafe, | as | | 00/27/2012 | | | | |

**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).
 - The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$37.55 to \$37.64, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to American Financial Group, Inc., ("AFG"), any security holder of

09/27/2012

- 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.
- Shares owned by the reporting Person in the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"). All ESPP information reporting herein is based on a plan statement dated as of 12/31/2011.

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