BERDING JOHN B

Form 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4

Transactions Reported

may continue. See Instruction

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer **BERDING JOHN B** Symbol AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP (Check all applicable) INC [AFG] (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) _X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 12/31/2018 President of Subsidiary 301 EAST FOURTH STREET, 27TH FLOOR (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year) (check applicable line)

CINCINNATI, OHÂ 45202

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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. Securi Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	d (A) of (D) 4 and (A) or))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	44,045.029 (1)	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	233	I	By Trust
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	3,575.5938	I	ESPP (2)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	66.3472	I	ESPP DRIP (3)

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Common Stock \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} 1,375.16 \hat{A} 401(k) $\underline{(4)}$

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)	2 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. Pric Deriva Securi (Instr.
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	Â	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BERDING JOHN B							
301 EAST FOURTH STREET	ÂΧ	â	President	â			
27TH FLOOR	АА	А	of Subsidiary	A			
CINCINNATI Â OHÂ 45202							

Signatures

John B. Berding By: Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact 02/13/2019

**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) Includes 3,588.689 shares held in the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan as of 12/31/2018.
- (2) Shares owned by the Reporting Person in the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP"). All ESPP information reporting herein is based on a plan statement dated as of 12/31/2018.

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Represents shares purchased by the Reporting Person through dividend reinvestment within the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP"). All ESPP DRIP information reporting herein is based on a plan statement dated as of 12/31/2018.

- (4) Represents shares held in the Issuer's 401(k) Retirement and Savings Plan. The number of shares of Common Stock is based on a Plan Statement dated as of 12/31/2018.
- Represents amounts held by the Reporting Person in the Issuer's retirement plan based on a statement dated 12/31/2018. Each share is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock. Upon termination of employment or earlier, if so elected, the Reporting Person's account balances may be distributed, at the option of the Issuer, either in cash or in shares of the Issuer's common stock.

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