



## **American Financial Group, Inc. Increases Annual Dividend by 14%; Thirteenth Consecutive Year of Dividend Increases**

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CINCINNATI--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 21, 2018-- American Financial Group, Inc. (NYSE: AFG) announced that its Board of Directors has approved an increase in the Company's regular annual dividend from \$1.40 to \$1.60 per share of common stock. The increased dividend, when declared, will be paid on a quarterly basis of \$0.40 per share of common stock beginning in October 2018. The new dividend rate represents a 14% increase over the annual rate paid thus far in 2018. The Company has increased its dividend in each of the last thirteen years.

Carl H. Lindner III and S. Craig Lindner, AFG's Co-Chief Executive Officers, issued this joint statement: "We are pleased to announce this increase in AFG's annual dividend paid to shareholders, which reflects our confidence in the Company's financial condition, liquidity, and prospects for long-term growth. Returning excess capital to shareholders through dividends is a key component of AFG's capital management strategy. AFG's five-year compounded annual growth rate in regular dividends is approximately 12.5%."

### **About American Financial Group, Inc.**

American Financial Group is an insurance holding company, based in Cincinnati, Ohio with assets over \$60 billion. Through the operations of Great American Insurance Group, AFG is engaged primarily in property and casualty insurance, focusing on specialized commercial products for businesses, and in the sale of fixed, fixed-indexed and variable-indexed annuities in the retail, broker dealer, financial institutions and registered investment advisor markets. Great American Insurance Group's roots go back to 1872 with the founding of its flagship company, Great American Insurance Company.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

This press release contains certain statements that may be deemed to be "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements in this press release not dealing with historical results are forward-looking and are based on estimates, assumptions and projections. Examples of such forward-looking statements include statements relating to: the Company's expectations concerning market and other conditions and their effect on future premiums, revenues, earnings, investment activities and the amount and timing of share repurchases; recoverability of asset values; expected losses and the adequacy of reserves for asbestos, environmental pollution and mass tort claims; rate changes; and improved loss experience.

Actual results and/or financial condition could differ materially from those contained in or implied by such forward-looking statements for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to: changes in financial, political and economic conditions, including changes in interest and inflation rates, currency fluctuations and extended economic recessions or expansions in the U.S. and/or abroad; performance of securities markets, including FIA option costs; new legislation or declines in credit quality or credit ratings that could have a material impact on the valuation of securities in AFG's investment portfolio; the availability of capital; regulatory actions (including changes in statutory accounting rules); changes in the legal environment affecting AFG or its customers; tax law and accounting changes; levels of natural catastrophes and severe weather, terrorist activities (including any nuclear, biological, chemical or radiological events), incidents of war or losses resulting from civil unrest and other major losses; development of insurance loss reserves and establishment of other reserves, particularly with respect to amounts associated with asbestos and environmental claims; availability of reinsurance and ability of reinsurers to pay their obligations; trends in persistency and mortality; competitive pressures; the ability to obtain adequate rates and policy terms; changes in AFG's credit ratings or the financial strength ratings assigned by major ratings agencies to AFG's operating subsidiaries; the impact of the conditions in the international financial markets and the global economy (including those associated with the United Kingdom's expected withdrawal from the European Union, or "Brexit") relating to AFG's international operations; and other factors identified in AFG's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The forward-looking statements herein are made only as of the date of this press release. The Company assumes no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements.

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