FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

| Washington, | D.C. | 20549 |
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BERDING JOHN B | | | | | <u> </u> | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
|--|---|--|----------|---|------------|--|------|---|------------|--|--------------------|---|---|--|---|--|-----------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) 301 EAS | T FOURT | First) H STREET | (Middle | ·) | 3 | AFG] . Date | | | unsactio | on (Mor | nth/Day/Year) | X | Officer (below) | Officer (give title Other (s | | | specify | | |
| (Street) | NATI C | DН | 45202 | | 4 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Appli Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | | |
| (City) | (5 | State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | Person | ĺ | | | | | |
| | | Ta | able I - | Non-De | rivati | ive S | ecur | rities <i>F</i> | Acqui | red, I | Disposed (| of, or E | Benefic | ially | 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 Dis Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amoun Securities Beneficial Owned Fo Reported | | i Ily | 6. Owners Form: Dire (D) or Indir (I) (Instr. 4) | Direct Indirect Etr. 4) | . Nature of ndirect eneficial ownership | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | ount (A) or Price | | | Transaction (Instr. 3 au | on(s) nd 4) | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common | Stock | | | 05/06/ | 05/06/2021 | | | | M | | 4,377 | A | \$38. | \$38.11 | | 38,171.3471 | | D | |
| Common | Stock | | | 05/06/ | 2021 | 21 | | | S | | 4,377 | D | \$127.7 | 127.7055 ⁽¹⁾ 33,7 | | 33,794.3471 | | D | |
| Common | Stock | | | 05/06/ | 2021 | 21 | | | M | Ш | 4,000 | A | \$44. | \$44.01 | | 37,794.3471 | | D | |
| Common | Stock | | 05/06/20 | | 2021 | 21 | | | S | Ш | 4,000 | D | \$127.7 | 055 ⁽¹⁾ | 33,794 | 94.3471 | | D | |
| Common | Stock | | 05/07/ | | 2021 | 21 | | | | Ш | 2,000 | A | \$44. | \$44.01 35 | | 94.3471 | | D | |
| Common | Common Stock | | 05/07/ | 05/07/2021 | | | | S | Ш | 2,000 | D | \$128 | \$128.75 33, | | 4.3471 | | D | | |
| Common | Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 233 | | | I I | By Trust |
| Common | Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 14,064 | | I | rrev Children's Frust | | |
| Common | Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4,161.5 | 5097 ⁽²⁾ | 097 ⁽²⁾ I ESPP | | ESPP |
| Common | Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 19,740 | 19.74().71(3) | | | RASP 101(k) |
| | | | Table | | | | | | | | sposed of | | | | wned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Date (Month/Day/Year) Execu | if any | Deemed 4. ution Date, Tra | | nsaction de (Instr. Secu Acqu or Dis | | Number of 6 | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amou of Securities Underlying Deriva Security (Instr. 3 a 4) | | int ative | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securitie Beneficia Owned Followin Reported | e es ally g | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Dat Exe | e rcisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amou Numb Share | er of | | (Instr. 4) | ction(s) l) | | |
| Stock Option Exercise | \$38.11 | 05/06/2021 | | | M | | | 4,377 | | (4) | 02/23/2022 | Commo | | 77 | \$0.00 | 0 | | D | |
| Stock Option Exercise | \$44.01 | 05/06/2021 | | | M | | | 4,000 | | (4) | 02/21/2023 | Commo | | 00 | \$0.00 | 23,728 | | D | |
| Stock Option Exercise | \$44.01 | 05/07/2021 | | | M | | | 2,000 | | (4) | 02/21/2023 | Commo | | 00 | \$0.00 | 21,728 | | D | |
| Phantom | (5) | 05/07/2021 | | | I | | | 1,394.7 | (5) | | (5) | Commo | n 1.39 | 4.79 | \$128.7 3,250. | | 1661 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$127.41 to \$128.09, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to American Financial Group, Inc., ("AFG"), any security holder of 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 this footnote to this Form 4.
- 2. 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 12/31/2020.
- 3. Represents amounts held by Reporting Person in a retirement plan of the Issuer based on a statement dated 12/31/2020.
- $4. These \ Employee \ Stock \ Options \ become \ exercisable \ in \ five \ equal \ installments \ beginning \ on \ the \ first \ anniversary \ of \ the \ grant \ date.$
- 5. Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of AFG common stock. Shares of phantom stock are held in a retirement plan of the issuer and are payable in cash following the reporting person's termination of employment with AFG.

Remarks:

John B. Berding by: Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact

05/10/2021

Date

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- $^{\star\star} \ \text{Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C.\ 1001\ and\ 15 U.S.C.\ 78 \text{ff(a)}.$

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