

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 EVANS JAMES E

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 ONE EAST FOURTH STREET  
 (Street)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC [AFG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/12/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Sr. V. Pres. & Gen. Counsel

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	09/12/2006		M		19,700	A	\$ 37.88
Common Stock	09/12/2006		S		100	D	\$ 47.77
Common Stock	09/12/2006		S		1,400	D	\$ 47.78
Common Stock	09/12/2006		S		4,900	D	\$ 47.79
Common Stock	09/12/2006		S		1,800	D	\$ 47.8

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Common Stock	09/12/2006	S	200	D	\$ 47.81	128,619	D
Common Stock	09/12/2006	S	300	D	\$ 47.82	128,319	D
Common Stock	09/12/2006	S	500	D	\$ 47.83	127,819	D
Common Stock	09/12/2006	S	10,500	D	\$ 47.84	117,319	D
Common Stock	09/13/2006	M	10,300	A	\$ 37.88	127,619	D
Common Stock	09/13/2006	M	35,000	A	\$ 42.06	162,619	D
Common Stock	09/13/2006	M	45,000	A	\$ 35.69	207,619	D
Common Stock	09/13/2006	M	40,000	A	\$ 19.54	247,619	D
Common Stock	09/13/2006	S	300	D	\$ 47.75	247,319	D
Common Stock	09/13/2006	S	8,500	D	\$ 47.76	238,819	D
Common Stock	09/13/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 47.77	237,819	D
Common Stock	09/13/2006	S	2,300	D	\$ 47.78	235,519	D
Common Stock	09/13/2006	S	1,700	D	\$ 47.79	233,819	D
Common Stock	09/13/2006	S	2,600	D	\$ 47.8	231,219	D
Common Stock	09/13/2006	S	13,500	D	\$ 47.81	217,719	D
Common Stock	09/13/2006	S	4,100	D	\$ 47.82	213,619	D
Common Stock	09/13/2006	S	6,000	D	\$ 47.83	207,619	D
Common Stock	09/13/2006	S	4,300	D	\$ 47.84	203,319	D
Common Stock	09/13/2006	S	18,400	D	\$ 47.85	184,919	D
Common Stock	09/13/2006	S	500	D	\$ 47.86	184,419	D
	09/13/2006	S	7,400	D		177,019	D

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Common Stock					\$ 47.87			
Common Stock	09/13/2006		S	600	D	\$ 47.88	176,419	D
Common Stock							5,963.778	I ESPP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock							24.4627	I DRIP <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock							0	I 401-K

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)	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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 37.88	09/12/2006		M	19,700	<sup>(3)</sup> 03/14/2007	Common Stock	19,700	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 37.88	09/13/2006		M	10,300	<sup>(3)</sup> 03/14/2007	Common Stock	10,300	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 42.06	09/13/2006		M	35,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 03/20/2008	Common Stock	35,000	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 35.69	09/13/2006		M	45,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 02/26/2009	Common Stock	45,000	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 19.84	09/13/2006		M	40,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 02/21/2010	Common Stock	40,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
EVANS JAMES E ONE EAST FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X		Sr. V. Pres. & Gen. Counsel	

## Signatures

James E. Evans By: Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact 09/14/2007

\_\_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) Shares allocated to the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"). All ESPP information reporting herein is based on a plan statement dated as of December 31, 2005.
- (2) Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "DRIP"). All DRIP information reported herein is based on a plan statement dated as of December 31, 2005.
- (3) These Employee Stock Options ("Options") become exercisable as to 20% of the shares initially granted on the first anniversary of the date of grant, with an additional 20% becoming exercisable on each subsequent anniversary. The Options were granted under the Issuer's Stock Option Plan pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

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