

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC

Form 5

February 14, 2005

**FORM 5****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL  
OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**LINDNER CARL H**

(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. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2004**

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)

Chairman of the Board

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

☒ Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form Filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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 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 (A) or Amount (D) Price	8,985,942.8135	I	Indirect #1 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â	349,401.0073	I	Indirect #2 <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â	1,235,796.4144	I	Indirect #3 <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â	1,327,270.3213	I	Indirect #4 <sup>(4)</sup>

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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)
Deferred Compensation	\$ 31.31	Â	Â	Â	Â (A) Â (D)	Â (5) Â (5)	Common Stock 12,763.2

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LINDNER CARL H ONE EAST FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	Â X	Â X	Â Chairman of the Board	Â

## Signatures

Carl H. Lindner By: Karl J. Grafe, as  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/14/2005

\_\_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).

- Indirect #1: By Carl H. Lindner Jr., et al., Trustee for the Carl H. Lindner Amended and Restated Family Trust dated 12/23/83.
- Indirect #2: By Edyth B. Lindner, Spouse.
- Indirect #3: By Lou Ann Flint, Trustee of the Edyth B. Lindner 2002-2 Qualified Annuity Trust U/A dated 8/19/02.
- Indirect #4: EBL, TTEE of the EBL Family Trust dtd 4/13/04.

Represents amounts deferred by the Reporting Person in the Issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan. The account value increases or decreases based on the value of the Issuer's common stock. Upon termination of employment or earlier, if so elected, the Reporting Person's account balance 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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