

Peraino Vito C
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Peraino Vito C

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/28/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. VP & General Counsel

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/28/2012		M	18,000 A \$ 20.0067	45,250.343	D	
Common Stock	12/28/2012		M	5,879 A \$ 20.28	51,129.343	D	

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option Exercise	\$ 20.0067	12/28/2012		M	18,000	<u>(1)</u> 02/27/2014	Common	18,000
Stock Option Exercise	\$ 20.28	12/28/2012		M	5,879	<u>(2)</u> 02/24/2015	Common	5,879

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Peraino Vito C 301 EAST FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202			Sr. VP & General Counsel	

Signatures

Vito C. Peraino By: Karl J. Grafe as Attorney-in-Fact 12/31/2012

__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) These Employee Stock Options became exercisable in five equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. The grant date was 12/27/2004.
- (2) These Employee Stock Options became exercisable in five equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. The grant date was 12/24/2005.

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