

Consolino Joseph E
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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 *
 Consolino Joseph E

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 E. FOURTH STREET, 40TH FLOOR
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/08/2018

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	10/08/2018		M		25,000	A	\$ 44.01
Common Stock	10/08/2018		M		20,000	A	\$ 56.44
Common Stock	10/08/2018		M		15,000	A	\$ 63.15
Common Stock							2,289
						I	ESPP ⁽¹⁾

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option Exercise	\$ 44.01	10/08/2018		M	25,000	<u>(2)</u> 02/21/2023	Common	25,000	
Employee Stock Option Exercise	\$ 56.44	10/08/2018		M	20,000	<u>(2)</u> 02/24/2024	Common	20,000	
Employee Stock Option Exercise	\$ 63.15	10/08/2018		M	15,000	<u>(2)</u> 02/23/2025	Common	15,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Consolino Joseph E 301 E. FOURTH STREET 40TH FLOOR CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X		Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Joseph E. (Jeff)
Consolino 10/10/2018

**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 ("ESPP"). All ESPP information reporting herein is based on a plan statement dated as of 12/31/2017.
- (2) These Employee Stock Options become exercisable in five equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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