

Peraino Vito C
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â Peraino Vito C
(Last) (First) (Middle)

301 EAST FOURTH STREET
(Street)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
03/12/2012

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC [AFG]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting
Person
____ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

43,495.343 ⁽¹⁾

D Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security

5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect

6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

Title Amount or Number of

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option Grant	Â (2)	02/27/2014	Common Stock	18,000	\$ 20.01	D	Â
Stock Option Grant	Â (2)	02/24/2015	Common Stock	22,501	\$ 20.28	D	Â
Stock Option Grant	Â (2)	02/22/2016	Common Stock	22,500	\$ 26.89	D	Â
Stock Option Grant	Â (2)	02/22/2017	Common Stock	18,750	\$ 36.57	D	Â
Stock Option Grant	Â (2)	02/21/2018	Common Stock	18,000	\$ 27.2	D	Â
Stock Option Grant	Â (2)	02/12/2019	Common Stock	18,000	\$ 19.1	D	Â
Stock Option Grant	Â (2)	02/11/2020	Common Stock	11,000	\$ 24.83	D	Â
Stock Option Grant	Â (2)	02/16/2021	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 34.34	D	Â

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Vito C. Peraino 03/14/2012

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Includes 12,430 shares of restricted stock that vest four years from the date of grant and 1,072,343 shares held in the Issuer's dividend reinvestment plan.
- (2) These Employee Stock Options were granted under the Issuer's Stock Option Plan and 2005 Stock Incentive Plan and become exercisable in five equal installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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