

Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.
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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 *
 Zwerdling Jeffrey M.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. [whlr]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/18/2017

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

RIVERSEDGE NORTH, 2529
 VIRGINIA BEACH, BLVD., SUITE
 200

(Street)

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

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

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23452

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/18/2017 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 4,265 A \$ 1.7 | 275,785 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 8,890 | I | Held in profit sharing plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | 6,000 | I | Owned by spouse |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Series D Convertible Preferred Stock | \$ 2.12 | | | | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 47,170 |
| Series B Convertible Preferred Stock | \$ 5 | | | | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 50,000 |
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| Common Stock Warrants | \$ 5.5 | | | | | (4) | (4) | Common Stock | 12,000 |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Zwerdling Jeffrey M. | X | | | |

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BLVD., SUITE 200
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23452

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey M.
Zwerdling

01/19/2017

__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) Granted for fourth quarter board fees based upon the closing price of Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.'s (the "Company") common stock on December 30, 2016.
Each share of Series D Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series D Stock") became convertible into shares of the Company's common stock at \$2.12 per share upon completion of the Company's September 2016 and December 2016 public offerings of the Series D Stock. The Series D Stock has no expiration date.
- (2) Each share of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series B Stock") became convertible into shares of the Company's common stock at \$5.00 per share upon completion of the Company's April 2014 and September 2014 public offerings of the Series B Stock and common stock warrants.
- (3) Each common stock warrant became exercisable upon completion of the Company's April 2014 and September 2014 public offerings of Series B Stock and common stock warrants. The common stock warrants expire on April 29, 2019.
- (4)

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