(obligation to buy)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|---|--|---|--|---|--------|---|--|-------------------|---|--------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STILWELL JOSEPH | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. [WHLR] | | | | | | | 1 | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X_Director (Check all applicable) | | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 111 BROADWAY, 12TH FLOOR | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/27/2020 | | | | | | | | | Officer (give ti | tle below) | | er (specify belo | w) | |
| | | (Street) | | | | | te Orig | ginal Filed(| Month/Day/Y | ear) | | | | | Filing(Check A | Applicable Line |) |
| NEW YOR | K, NY 100 | 06 | | | | | | | | | | | | e Reporting Per ore than One Re | eporting Person | | |
| (City) | | (State) | (Zip) | | | | Tabl | e I - Non-D | erivative | Securit | ties Ac | quired, l | Disposed of | , or Benefic | cially Owned | i | |
| (Instr. 3) Dat | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year | Exect any | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Code | | (A) or I | 4. Securities Ac (A) or Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 and 5 | | Owne Trans | . Amount of Securities Beneficiall Dwned Following Reported Fransaction(s) Instr. 3 and 4) | | · | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | (Monui/Day/Tear) | | | Code V | | Amount (A) or (D) | | | | | | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | |
| Common St | ock | | | | | | | | | | | 137, | 017 | | | I | See footnote (1) |
| Common St | ock | | | | | | | | | | | 88,1 | 95 | | | I | See footnote (2) |
| Common St | ock | | | | | | | | | | | 656, | 887 | | | I | See footnote (3) |
| Reminder: Rep | ort on a sepa | rate line for each cla | ass of securities ber | neficially | own | ed direc | tly or | | ons who | respor | nd to t | he colle | ection of i | nformation | n contained | d in SEC | 1474 (9-02) |
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| | | | Table II | - Derivs | tive S | Securiti | es Ac | quired, Dis | nosed of | or Ben | eficiall | v Owne | ď | | | | |
| 1 Tid. of | 12 | 2 T | 1 | (e.g., p | | alls, wa | rrant | s, options, | convertib | le secui | rities) | | | 0 D.: | 0. M | -£ 10 | 11 27-6 |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. 3. Transaction Date Security 3A. Deemed Execution Date Security 3A. Deemed Execution Date Security 3A. Deemed Execution Date Security (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) | | | , if Transaction of Deriver (Instr. 8) Securical (A) of Disport of (D | | Deriva Securi Acqui (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr. | Expiration (Month/Da urities uired or cosed D) tr. 3, 4, | | | Date Underly | | ying Securities Der 3 and 4) Sec | | | | Ownershi Form of Derivativ Security: Direct (D or Indirect | Ownersh (y: (Instr. 4) (D) |
| | | | | Code | e V | (A) | | Date Exercisab | Expira Date | tion | Title | | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Series B Convertible Preferred Stock | \$ 40 | | | | | | | (4) | | <u>(4)</u> | | nmon ock | 5,125 | | 8,200 | I | See footnot |
| Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock | | | | | | | | (5) | | (5) | | nmon ock | 7,806 | | 5,296 | I | See footnot |
| Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock | | | | | | | | <u>(5)</u> | 1 | <u>(5)</u> | | nmon ock | 63,066 | | 42,786 | I | See footnot |
| Cash- settled Total Return Swap | (6) | | | | | | | <u>(7)</u> | 03/01 | /2022 | Conv | ies B rertible | 21,154 | | 21,154 | I | See footnot |

Stock

| Cash- settled Total Return Swap (obligation to buy) | (6) | | | | (7) | 03/01/2022 | Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock | 376,693 | | 376,693 | I | See footnote (6) |
|---|----------|------------|---|---------------|------------|------------|---|---------|-------|---------|---|------------------|
| Cash- settled Total Return Swap (obligation to buy) | (8) | | | | <u>(7)</u> | 03/01/2022 | Series B Convertible Preferred Stock | 2,559 | | 2,559 | I | See footnote (8) |
| Cash- settled Total Return Swap (obligation to buy) | (8) | | | | <u>(7)</u> | 03/01/2022 | Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock | 54,306 | | 54,306 | I | See footnote (8) |
| Cash- settled Total Return Swap (obligation to buy) | (9) | | | | <u>(7)</u> | 03/01/2022 | Series B Convertible Preferred Stock | 55,929 | | 55,929 | I | See footnote (9) |
| Cash- settled Total Return Swap (obligation to buy) | (9) | | | | (7) | 03/01/2022 | Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock | 22,282 | | 22,282 | I | See footnote |
| Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock | \$ 16.96 | 05/27/2020 | Р | 2,060 (10) | (5) | (5) | Common Stock | 3,036 | \$ 10 | 19,859 | I | See footnote (1) |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| STILWELL JOSEPH 111 BROADWAY, 12TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10006 | X | X | | | | | |
| Stilwell Value LLC 111 BROADWAY, 12TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10006 | X | X | | | | | |
| Stilwell Activist Investments, L.P. 111 BROADWAY, 12TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10006 | X | X | | | | | |
| Stilwell Activist Fund, L.P. 111 BROADWAY, 12TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10006 | X | X | | | | | |
| Stilwell Value Partners VII, L.P. 111 BROADWAY, 12TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10006 | X | Х | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Joseph Stilwell | 05/29/2020 |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| /s/ Joseph Stilwell as authorized agent for Stilwell Value LLC | 05/29/2020 |

| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
|---|------------|
| /s/ Joseph Stilwell as authorized agent for Stilwell Activist Fund, L.P. | 05/29/2020 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| /s/ Joseph Stilwell as authorized agent for Stilwell Activist Investments, L.P. | 05/29/2020 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| /s/ Joseph Stilwell as authorized agent for Stilwell Value Partners VII, L.P. | 05/29/2020 |
| **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).
- These shares are owned directly by Stilwell Value Partners VII, L.P. ("SVP VII") and indirectly by Joseph Stilwell in his capacity as the managing member and owner of Stilwell Value LLC ("Value"), which is the general partner of SVP VII. Joseph Stilwell disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares reported as owned indirectly except to the extent of his pecuniary interest
- (2) These shares are owned directly by Stilwell Activist Fund, L.P. ("SAF") and indirectly by Joseph Stilwell in his capacity as the managing member and owner of Value, which is the general partner of SAF. Joseph Stilwell disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares reported as owned indirectly except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (3) These shares are owned directly by Stilwell Activist Investments, L.P. ("SAI") and indirectly by Joseph Stilwell in his capacity as the managing member and owner of Value, which is the general partner of SAI. Joseph Stilwell disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares reported as owned indirectly except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 4) As disclosed in the Company's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 3, 2017, each share of Series B Stock is convertible into 0.625 shares of the Company's common stock. The Series B Stock has no expiration date.
- (5) As disclosed in the Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.'s (the "Company") Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on April 3, 2017, each share of Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series D Stock") is convertible into 1.474 shares of the Company's common stock. The Series D Stock has no expiration date.
- SAI entered into a certain cash-settled total return swap agreement, effective as of January 22, 2019 (the "Swap Agreement"), pursuant to which it purchased certain cash-settled swaps (the "Swaps") constituting economic exposure to notional shares of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series B Stock") and Series D Stock with maturity dates of March 1, 2022. The
- (6) price of the Swaps for the Series B Stock ranged from \$11.10 to \$11.12, and the price of the Swaps for the Series D Stock ranged from \$13.75 to \$15.85. The Swap Agreement provides SAI with economic results that are comparable to the economic results of ownership, but does not provide SAI with the power to vote or direct the voting or dispose of or direct the disposition of the shares of Series B Stock and Series D Stock. Joseph Stilwell disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares underlying the Swap Agreement reported as owned indirectly except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (7) These Swaps can be settled at any time prior to the expiration date.
 - SAF entered into a certain cash-settled total return swap agreement, effective as of May 20, 2019 (the "Additional Swap Agreement"), pursuant to which it purchased Swaps constituting economic exposure to notional shares of the Company's Series B Stock and Series D Stock with maturity dates of March 1, 2022. The price of the Swaps for the Series B Stock was \$11.10, and
- (8) the price of the Swaps for the Series D Stock ranged from \$14.75 to \$15.85. The Additional Swap Agreement provides SAF with economic results that are comparable to the economic results of ownership, but does not provide SAF with the power to vote or direct the voting or dispose of or direct the disposition of the shares of Series B Stock and Series D Stock. Joseph Stilwell disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares underlying the Additional Swap Agreement reported as owned indirectly except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
 - SVP VII entered into a certain cash-settled total return swap agreement, effective as of May 20, 2019 (the "Second Additional Swap Agreement"), pursuant to which it purchased Swaps constituting economic exposure to notional shares of the Company's Series B Stock and Series D Stock with maturity dates of March 1, 2022. The price of the Swaps for the Series B Stock ranged from \$11.73 to \$12.88, and the price of the Swaps for the Series D Stock ranged from \$14.50 to \$15.50. The Second Additional Swap Agreement provides SVP VII with economic
- (9) ranged from \$11.73 to \$12.88, and the price of the Swaps for the Series D Stock ranged from \$14.30 to \$15.30. The Second Additional Swap Agreement provides \$VP VII with economic results that are comparable to the economic results of ownership, but does not provide SVP VII with the power to vote or direct the voting or dispose of or direct the disposition of the shares of Series B Stock and Series D Stock. Joseph Stilwell disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares underlying the Second Additional Swap Agreement reported as owned indirectly except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (10) This Form 4 reports that on May 27, 2020, SVP VII acquired 2,060 shares of Series D Stock at \$10.0000 USD per share.

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