

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (date of earliest event reported): **May 13, 2024**

**WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Maryland</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	<b>001-35713</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>45-2681082</b> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
<b>2529 Virginia Beach Blvd. Virginia Beach, VA</b> (Address of principal executive offices)		<b>23452</b> (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(757) 627-9088**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<b>Title of each class</b>	<b>Trading Symbol(s)</b>	<b>Name of each exchange on which registered</b>
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	WHLR	Nasdaq Capital Market
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	WHLRP	Nasdaq Capital Market
Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock	WHLRD	Nasdaq Capital Market
7.00% Subordinated Convertible Notes due 2031	WHLRL	Nasdaq Capital Market

### **Item 3.03. Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders.**

To the extent required by Item 3.03 of Form 8-K, the information contained in Item 5.03 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated herein by reference.

### **Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

#### ***Charter Amendments for One-for-24 Reverse Stock Split***

On May 13, 2024, in connection with a one-for-24 reverse stock split (the "Reverse Stock Split") of the common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the "Common Stock") of Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. (the "Company"), to be effective on May 16, 2024, the Company filed two Articles of Amendment to its charter with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland that provide for:

- i. a one-for-24 Reverse Stock Split of the Common Stock, to be effective at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (the "Effective Time") on May 16, 2024 (the "First Amendment"); and
- ii. the par value of the Common Stock to be decreased from \$0.24 per share (as a result of the one-for-24 Reverse Stock Split) to \$0.01 per share, to be effective at 5:01 p.m. Eastern Time on May 16, 2024 (the "Second Amendment").

Pursuant to the First Amendment, no fractional shares will be issued in connection with the Reverse Stock Split; rather, stockholders who would have otherwise been issued a fractional share of the Common Stock as a result of the Reverse Stock Split will instead receive a cash payment in lieu of such fractional share in an amount equal to the applicable fraction multiplied by the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on The Nasdaq Capital Market on May 16, 2024 (as adjusted for the Reverse Stock Split), without any interest.

The foregoing descriptions of the amendments to the Company's charter do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to each amendment, copies of which are filed as Exhibit 3.1 and Exhibit 3.2, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

#### ***Effect of Reverse Stock Split on Common Stock***

At the market open on May 17, 2024 (the first business day after the Effective Time), the Common Stock will begin trading on a split-adjusted basis on The Nasdaq Capital Market under a new CUSIP number (963025879).

The Reverse Stock Split will apply to all of the outstanding shares of Common Stock as of the Effective Time, with a corresponding adjustment to the outstanding partnership units of the Company's operating partnership, Wheeler REIT, L.P. It therefore will not affect any particular stockholder's relative ownership percentage of shares of Common Stock, except for *de minimis* changes resulting from the payment of cash in lieu of fractional shares. The Reverse Stock Split will also not affect the relative voting or other rights that accompany the shares of Common Stock, except to the extent that it results from a stockholder receiving cash in lieu of fractional shares. There will be no change to the number of authorized shares of the Common Stock as a result of the Reverse Stock Split. The Company's trading symbol will remain unchanged, but the CUSIP number for the Company's registered Common Stock will be changed to 963025879.

In connection with the Reverse Stock Split, adjustments will be made to the number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Company's convertible securities.

#### ***Effect of Reverse Stock Split on 7.00% Subordinated Convertible Notes Due 2031***

As a result of the Reverse Stock Split, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 14.05(c) of that certain indenture, dated as of August 13, 2021, between the Company and Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB as trustee, pertaining to the Company's 7.00% subordinated convertible notes due 2031 (the "Notes"), the conversion rate of the Notes will be proportionately reduced from 209.84 shares of Common Stock per each \$25.00 principal amount of the Notes to 8.74 shares of Common Stock per each \$25.00 principal amount of the Notes.

#### ***Effect of Reverse Stock Split on Preferred Stock***

As a result of the Reverse Stock Split, the conversion price of the Company's Series B Convertible Preferred Stock will proportionally increase from \$400 per share of Common Stock to \$9,600 per share of Common Stock, and one (1) share of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock will be convertible into 0.0026 shares of Common Stock.

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As a result of the Reverse Stock Split, the conversion price of the Company's Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock will proportionally increase from \$169.60 per share of Common Stock to \$4,070.40 per share of Common Stock, and one (1) share of Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock will be convertible into 0.0061 shares of Common Stock.

#### *Effect of Reverse Stock Split on Incentive Plans*

As a result of the Reverse Stock Split, (i) the number of shares of Common Stock authorized for issuance under the Company's 2015 Long-Term Incentive Plan and the 2016 Long-Term Incentive Plan, (ii) any maximum number of shares of Common Stock with respect to which equity awards may be granted to any participant under any such plan, (iii) each equity award outstanding thereunder on the effective date of the Reverse Stock Split, and (iv) any performance metric related to the price per share of Common Stock applicable to any award outstanding on the effective date of the Reverse Stock Split, will, in each case, be adjusted proportionately to reflect the Reverse Stock Split.

#### *Forward-Looking Statements.*

This Current Report on Form 8-K includes forward-looking statements. These statements are made under the "safe harbor" provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements may be identified by words such as "will" and "would", or the negative of such terms, or other comparable terminology, and include statements about the Reverse Stock Split and the impact, if any, of the Reverse Stock Split on the Company and the trading price of the Common Stock. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts. Such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained herein due to many factors. These forward-looking statements and such risks, uncertainties and other factors speak only as of the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K, and the Company expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to update or revise any forward-looking statement contained herein, or to reflect any change in our expectations with regard thereto or any other change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based, except to the extent otherwise required by applicable law.

#### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
3.1	<a href="#">First Amendment (Reverse Stock Split)</a>
3.2	<a href="#">Second Amendment (Par Value Decrease)</a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

By:           /s/ M. Andrew Franklin            
Name: M. Andrew Franklin  
Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

Dated: May 14, 2024

**WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.  
ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT**

Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the “Corporation”), hereby certifies to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland that:

**FIRST:** The charter of the Corporation (the “Charter”) is hereby amended to provide that (a) at the Effective Time (as defined below), every twenty-four (24) shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Corporation that were issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be converted into one issued and outstanding share of common stock, \$0.24 par value per share (the “Reverse Stock Split”), and (b) no fractional shares will be issued in connection with the Reverse Stock Split; rather, stockholders who would have otherwise been issued a fractional share of the Corporation’s common stock as a result of the Reverse Stock Split will instead receive a cash payment in lieu of such fractional share in an amount equal to the applicable fraction multiplied by the closing price of the Corporation’s common stock on Nasdaq on May 16, 2024 (as adjusted for the Reverse Stock Split).

**SECOND:** The foregoing amendment (the “Amendment”) was duly advised by the Board of Directors of the Corporation and duly approved by the stockholders of the Corporation in the manner and by the vote required by the Maryland General Corporation Law and the Charter. The manner in which the Amendment was advised and approved is set forth below.

(a) At a meeting thereof duly held on March 5, 2024, the Board of Directors of the Corporation adopted resolutions that (i) set forth the Amendment, (ii) declared the Amendment advisable, and (iii) directed that the Amendment be submitted to the stockholders of the Corporation for consideration.

(b) At a meeting thereof duly held on May 6, 2024, the stockholders of the Corporation approved the Amendment.

**THIRD:** The Amendment does not increase the authorized stock of the Corporation.

**FOURTH:** These Articles of Amendment shall be effective (the “Effective Time”) at 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on May 16, 2024.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Corporation has caused these Articles of Amendment to be signed and acknowledged in its name and on its behalf by its Chief Executive Officer and President and witnessed and attested by its Secretary on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024 and such persons acknowledged the same to be the act of said corporation, and that to the best of their knowledge, information and belief, all matters and facts stated herein are true in all material respects and that this statement is made under the penalties of perjury.

ATTEST: WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ Ross Barr  
Name: Ross Barr  
Title: Secretary

By: /s/ M. Andrew Franklin  
Name: M. Andrew Franklin  
Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

*[Signature Page to Articles of Amendment - Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.]*

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Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the “Corporation”), hereby certifies to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland that:

**FIRST:** The charter of the Corporation (the “Charter”) was recently amended to effect a one-for-24 reverse stock split, with the result that the par value of the authorized shares of the Corporation’s common stock was automatically increased from \$0.01 per share, or \$2,000,000 in the aggregate, to \$0.24 per share, or \$48,000,000 in the aggregate, and the Corporation now desires to reduce the par value of such shares back down to \$0.01 per share, or \$2,000,000 in the aggregate. Accordingly, the Charter is hereby amended by deleting Section 5.1 of the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation, as amended, restated, supplemented, and corrected to date, and substituting the following in lieu thereof:

5.1 Authorized Shares. The Corporation has authority to issue 215,000,000 shares of stock, consisting of 200,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share (“Common Stock”), and 15,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, without par value per share (“Preferred Stock”). The aggregate par value of all authorized shares of stock having par value is \$2,000,000. If shares of one class of stock are classified or reclassified into shares of another class of stock pursuant to this Article V, the number of authorized shares of the former class shall be automatically decreased and the number of shares of the latter class shall be automatically increased, in each case by the number of shares so classified or reclassified, so that the aggregate number of shares of stock of all classes that the Corporation has authority to issue shall not be more than the total number of shares of stock set forth in the first sentence of this paragraph. The Board of Directors, with the approval of a majority of the entire Board and without any action by the stockholders of the Corporation, may amend the Charter from time to time to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares of stock or the number of shares of stock of any class or series that the Corporation has authority to issue.

**SECOND:** The amendment to the Charter as set forth above (the “Amendment”) was approved by a majority of the entire Board of Directors of the Corporation at a meeting thereof duly held on May 6, 2024 and is limited to a change expressly authorized by Section 2-605(a)(2) of the Maryland General Corporation Law to be made without action by the stockholders of the Corporation.

**THIRD:** The Amendment does not increase the authorized stock of the Corporation.

**FOURTH:** These Articles of Amendment shall be effective (the “Effective Time”) at 5:01 p.m., Eastern Time, on May 16, 2024.

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By: /s/ Ross Barr  
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