# FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| Instruction                                                                                                  | on 1(b).   |                                      |                             |                                                             |                                                                                                  | invest                                   | me                  | nt Con                                                | npan  | y Act                                 | 01 19                   | 40                                                                                            |                                                                                                        |              |                                                                                                  |                                                     |                                                     |                                      |                       |
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| Name and Address of Reporting Person * Zwerdling Jeffrey M.                                                  |            |                                      |                             | ,                                                           | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. [whlr] |                                          |                     |                                                       |       |                                       |                         | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner |                                                                                                        |              |                                                                                                  |                                                     |                                                     |                                      |                       |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) RIVERSEDGE NORTH, 2529 VIRGINIA BEACH, BLVD., SUITE 200                              |            |                                      |                             | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2016 |                                                                                                  |                                          |                     |                                                       |       |                                       |                         | Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)                                              |                                                                                                        |              |                                                                                                  |                                                     |                                                     |                                      |                       |
| (Street)                                                                                                     |            |                                      |                             | 4                                                           | 4. If <i>a</i>                                                                                   | Amendn                                   | nent,               | , Date C                                              | rigin | al Filed                              | d(Month                 | /Day/Year)                                                                                    |                                                                                                        |              | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  X_Form filed by One Reporting Person |                                                     |                                                     |                                      |                       |
| VIRGINIA                                                                                                     | BEACH, V   | /A 23452                             |                             |                                                             |                                                                                                  |                                          |                     |                                                       |       |                                       |                         |                                                                                               |                                                                                                        |              |                                                                                                  |                                                     | e Reporting Perso                                   | n                                    |                       |
| (City)                                                                                                       |            | (State)                              |                             | (Zip)                                                       |                                                                                                  |                                          |                     | Table I                                               | - No  | n-Deri                                | ivative                 | Securitie                                                                                     | s Acqu                                                                                                 | ired,        | Dispose                                                                                          | d of, or Ben                                        | eficially Ow                                        | ned                                  |                       |
| (Instr. 3)                                                                                                   |            | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) |                             | Exe<br>any                                                  |                                                                                                  | Deemed<br>ution Date, if<br>ath/Day/Year |                     | (Instr. 8)                                            |       | (A) or                                |                         |                                                                                               | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially<br>Owned Following Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |              |                                                                                                  | Ownership<br>Form:                                  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |                                      |                       |
|                                                                                                              |            |                                      |                             |                                                             |                                                                                                  |                                          | Code V              |                                                       | Amou  | (A) or (D)                            | Price                   |                                                                                               |                                                                                                        |              |                                                                                                  | (Instr. 4)                                          |                                                     |                                      |                       |
| Common St                                                                                                    | tock       |                                      | 12/14                       | 4/2016                                                      |                                                                                                  |                                          |                     | P                                                     |       | 3,270                                 | ) A                     | \$<br>1.60                                                                                    | 238                                                                                                    | ,790         |                                                                                                  |                                                     | D                                                   |                                      |                       |
| Common St                                                                                                    | tock       |                                      | 12/14                       | 4/2016                                                      |                                                                                                  |                                          |                     |                                                       | P     |                                       | 7,730                   | ) A                                                                                           | \$<br>1.59                                                                                             | 246          | 5,520                                                                                            |                                                     |                                                     | D                                    |                       |
| Common Stock                                                                                                 |            |                                      |                             |                                                             |                                                                                                  |                                          |                     |                                                       |       |                                       |                         |                                                                                               | 45,4                                                                                                   | 455          |                                                                                                  |                                                     | I                                                   | Held in<br>profit<br>sharing<br>plan |                       |
| Common Stock                                                                                                 |            |                                      |                             |                                                             |                                                                                                  |                                          |                     |                                                       |       |                                       |                         | 6,00                                                                                          | 00                                                                                                     |              |                                                                                                  | I                                                   | Held in<br>spouse's<br>IRA                          |                                      |                       |
|                                                                                                              |            |                                      |                             | Table II - I                                                |                                                                                                  |                                          |                     |                                                       | quir  | conta<br>form<br>ed, Dis              | ined<br>displa<br>posed | in this fo<br>ays a cur<br>of, or Ber                                                         | rm are<br>rently<br>reficial                                                                           | not<br>valid | required<br>OMB c                                                                                | n of inforn<br>d to respo<br>ontrol nur             | nd unless                                           |                                      | 1474 (9-02)           |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)  2. Conversion Date (Month/Day/Year) Price of Derivative Security |            | ear) E                               | A. Deemed<br>Execution Date | 4. Transaction Code I (Instr. 8)                            |                                                                                                  | 5. Nun                                   | tive<br>ties<br>red | 6. Date Exercise<br>and Expiration I<br>(Month/Day/Ye |       | on Date Amou<br>Year) Under<br>Securi |                         | ant of I<br>rlying S                                                                          |                                                                                                        |              | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)  | Owners Form of Derivati Security Direct ( or Indire | Ownershi (Instr. 4)                                 |                                      |                       |
|                                                                                                              |            |                                      |                             |                                                             |                                                                                                  | Code                                     | V                   | (A)                                                   | (D)   | Date<br>Exerci                        |                         | Expiration<br>Date                                                                            | Title                                                                                                  |              | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                                           |                                                     |                                                     |                                      |                       |
| Series D<br>Convertible<br>Preferred<br>Stock                                                                | \$ 2.12    | 12/07/201                            | 6                           |                                                             |                                                                                                  | P                                        |                     | 1,100                                                 |       | Û                                     | <u>1)</u>               | <u>(1)</u>                                                                                    | Com                                                                                                    |              | 12,969                                                                                           | \$ 23.60                                            | 1,100                                               | I                                    | Owned<br>by<br>spouse |
| Series D<br>Convertible<br>Preferred<br>Stock                                                                | \$ 2.12    | 12/12/201                            | 6                           |                                                             |                                                                                                  | P                                        |                     | 1,900                                                 |       | C                                     | <u>1)</u>               | Ш                                                                                             | Com                                                                                                    | mon<br>ck    | 22,401                                                                                           | \$ 23.75                                            | 3,000                                               | I                                    | Owned<br>by<br>spouse |
| Series D<br>Convertible<br>Preferred<br>Stock                                                                | \$ 2.12    | 12/12/201                            | 6                           |                                                             |                                                                                                  | P                                        |                     | 1,000                                                 |       | <u>(</u>                              | <u>1)</u>               | <u>(1)</u>                                                                                    | Com                                                                                                    |              | 11,790                                                                                           | \$ 23.69                                            | 4,000                                               | I                                    | Owned<br>by<br>spouse |
| Sories B                                                                                                     |            |                                      |                             |                                                             |                                                                                                  |                                          |                     |                                                       |       |                                       |                         |                                                                                               |                                                                                                        |              |                                                                                                  |                                                     |                                                     |                                      |                       |

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| Common<br>Stock<br>Warrants | \$ 5.50 |  |  |  | (3) | (3) | Common<br>Stock | 12,000 | 12,000 | D |                                      |
|-----------------------------|---------|--|--|--|-----|-----|-----------------|--------|--------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock<br>Warrants | \$ 5.50 |  |  |  | (3) | (3) | Common<br>Stock | 4,800  | 4,800  | I | Held in<br>profit<br>sharing<br>plan |

## **Reporting Owners**

| D                                                                                                             | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |  |
| Zwerdling Jeffrey M.<br>RIVERSEDGE NORTH, 2529 VIRGINIA BEACH<br>BLVD., SUITE 200<br>VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23452 | X             |           |         |       |  |  |  |  |

## **Signatures**

| /s/ Jeffrey M. Zwerdling        | 01/09/2017 |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| **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) Each share of Series D Convertible Preferred Stock ("Series D Stock") became convertible into shares of Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.'s (the "Company") 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 Series B Stock and common stock warrants. The Series B Stock has no expiration date.
- (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.

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