## WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

### **INSIDER TRADING POLICY**

Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. (the "<u>Company</u>") has adopted the following Insider Trading Policy (the "<u>Policy</u>") which prohibits trading based on Material Nonpublic Information (as such term is defined herein). The Policy covers:

- officers, directors and all other employees of the Company (the "Company Affiliates");
- consultants, or contractors to, the Company specifically identified on Exhibit A hereto (the "Consultants"); and
- family members of Company Affiliates and Consultants, in each case where such persons have or may have access to Inside Information (the "Family Members")

As used herein, the Company Affiliates, the Consultants and the Family Members are collectively referred to as the "Restricted Parties." The Company shall update Exhibit A from time to time, as applicable.

### **General Policy**

It is the policy of the Company to oppose the unauthorized disclosure of any nonpublic information acquired in the workplace and the misuse of Material Nonpublic Information in securities trading. This Policy applies to all transactions in the Company's securities, including common stock, options for common stock and any other securities the Company may issue from time to time, such as preferred stock, warrants and convertible debentures, as well as to derivative securities relating to the Company's stock, whether or not issued by the Company, such as exchange-traded options. It applies to all Restricted Parties.

## **Specific Policy Applications**

<u>Trading on Material Nonpublic Information</u>. No Restricted Party shall engage in any transaction involving a purchase or sale of the Company's securities, including any offer to purchase or offer to sell, during any period commencing with the date that he or she possesses Material Nonpublic Information concerning the Company. This restriction on trading does not apply to transactions made under an approved Rule 10b5-1 trading plan (as described herein).

<u>Tipping</u>. No Restricted Party shall disclose Material Nonpublic Information to any other person (including family members) where such information may be used by such person to his or her profit by trading in the securities of companies to which such information relates, nor shall such Restricted Party make recommendations or express opinions on the basis of Material Nonpublic Information as to trading in the Company's securities.

<u>Confidentiality of Nonpublic Information</u>. Nonpublic information relating to the Company is the property of the Company and the unauthorized disclosure of such information is

forbidden. In the event any Company Affiliate receives any inquiry from outside the Company, such as a stock analyst, for information (particularly financial results and/or projections) that may be Material Nonpublic Information, the inquiry should be referred to the Company's Chief Financial Officer, who is responsible for coordinating and overseeing the release of such information to the investing public, analysts and others in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Potential Criminal and Civil Liability and/or Disciplinary Action. Pursuant to Federal and state securities laws, Restricted Parties may be subject to criminal and civil fines and penalties as well as imprisonment for engaging in transactions in the Company's securities at a time when they have knowledge of Material Nonpublic Information regarding the Company. Restricted Parties may also be liable for improper transactions by any person to whom they have disclosed Material Nonpublic Information regarding the Company or to whom they have made recommendations or expressed opinions on the basis of such information as to trading in the Company's securities. The Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") has imposed large penalties even when the disclosing person did not profit from the trading. Company Affiliates who violate this Policy shall also be subject to disciplinary action by the Company, which may include ineligibility for future participation in the Company's equity incentive plans or termination of employment, if applicable.

Pre-Clearance of Trades. The Company has determined that each Restricted Party must obtain written pre-clearance (which may be in electronic format) of all buying, selling or otherwise effecting transactions in any stock or other securities of the Company or derivative securities thereof from the Company's Insider Trading Compliance Officer (as such term is defined herein). The Insider Trading Compliance Officer will consult as necessary with senior management of and/or counsel to the Company before pre-clearing any proposed trade. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, a Restricted Party may establish a trading plan adopted pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and approved in writing by the Board of Directors of the Company or a committee thereof, or such proper officer(s) of the Company as may be designated by the Board of Directors (an "approved Rule 10b5-1 trading plan"). Any securities transactions taken in accordance with an approved Rule 10b5-1 trading plan will not be subject to the pre-clearance procedure referenced in the first sentence of this paragraph.

<u>Individual Responsibility</u>. Each Restricted Party has the individual responsibility to comply with this Policy against insider trading. A Restricted Party, from time to time, have to forego a proposed transaction in the Company's securities even if he, she or it planned to make the transaction before learning of the Material Nonpublic Information and even though the Restricted Party believes that he, she or it may suffer an economic loss or forego anticipated profit by waiting.

## **Applicability of Policy to Inside Information Regarding Other Companies**

This Policy and the guidelines described herein also apply to Material Nonpublic Information relating to other companies, including the Company's vendors and suppliers, when that information is obtained in the course of employment with, or the performance of services on

behalf of, the Company. Civil and criminal penalties, and termination of employment, may result from trading on inside information regarding the Company's vendors and suppliers. All Restricted Parties must treat Material Nonpublic Information about the Company's vendors and suppliers with the same care required with respect to information related directly to the Company.

#### **Definition of "Material Nonpublic Information"**

It is not possible to define all categories of material information. However, information should be regarded as material if there is a reasonable likelihood that it would be considered important to an investor in making an investment decision regarding the purchase or sale of the Company's securities.

While it may be difficult under this standard to determine whether particular information is material, there are various categories of information that are particularly sensitive and, as a general rule, should always be considered material. Examples of such information may include:

- financial results;
- known but unannounced future earnings or losses;
- changes in subscription rates;
- news of a pending or proposed mergers;
- news of the disposition or acquisition of significant assets;
- significant developments related to intellectual property;
- significant developments involving corporate relationships;
- changes in dividend policy;
- new service announcements of a significant nature;
- stock splits;
- new equity or debt offerings; or
- significant litigation exposure due to actual or threatened litigation.

Either positive or negative information may be material. Nonpublic information is information that has not been previously disclosed to the general public and is otherwise not available to the general public.

### **Certain Exceptions**

For purposes of this Policy, the Company considers that the exercise of stock options for cash under the Company's stock incentive plans (but not the sale of any shares issued upon such exercise or purchase and not a cashless exercise (accomplished by a sale of a portion of the shares issued upon exercise of an option)) are exempt from this Policy, since the other party to these transactions is the Company itself and the price does not vary with the market, but is fixed by the terms of the option agreement or plan, as applicable. In addition, for purposes of this Policy, the Company considers that *bona fide* gifts of the securities of the Company are exempt from this Policy.

# **Section 16 Reporting**

The Company has identified on <u>Exhibit B</u> certain persons who are directors and officers who are subject to the reporting and liability provisions of Section 16 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder ("<u>Section 16 Individuals</u>"). The Company will notify these persons as to their obligations under the Exchange Act. The Company will amend this list of persons from time to time as appropriate to reflect the election of new officers or directors, any change in function of current officers and the resignation or departure of current officers or directors.

Section 16 Individuals must also comply with the reporting obligations and limitations on short-swing transactions set forth in Section 16 of the Exchange Act. The practical effect of these provisions is that Section 16 Individuals who purchase and sell (or sell and then purchase) the Company's securities within a six-month period must disgorge all profits to the Company whether or not they had knowledge of any Material Nonpublic Information. Under these provisions, and so long as certain other criteria are met, neither the receipt of an option under the Company's stock incentive plans, nor the exercise of that option is deemed a purchase under Section 16; however, the sale of any such shares is a sale under Section 16. Section 16 prohibits Section 16 Individuals from ever making a short sale of the Company's stock. A short sale is a sale of securities not owned by the seller or, if owned, not delivered. Transactions in put and call options for the Company's securities may in some instances constitute a short sale or may otherwise result in liability for short swing profits. All Section 16 Individuals must confer with the Insider Trading Compliance Officer before effecting any such transaction. The Company strongly discourages all such short-swing and short sale transactions by Restricted Parties.

### **Appointment of Compliance Officer**

The Company has appointed the Company's Chief Financial Officer as the Company's Insider Trading Compliance Officer.

## **Duties of Compliance Officer**

The duties of the Insider Trading Compliance Officer shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- other than transactions made pursuant to an approved Rule 10b5-1 trading plan, preclearing all transactions involving the Company's securities by any Restricted Party;
- assisting in the preparation and filing of Section 16 reports (Forms 3, 4 and 5) for all Section 16 Individuals;
- serving as the designated recipient at the Company of copies of reports filed with the SEC by Section 16 Individuals under Section 16 of the Exchange Act;
- periodically reminding all Section 16 Individuals regarding their obligations to report and quarterly reminders of the dates that the trading window begins and ends;
- performing periodic cross-checks of available materials, which may include Forms 3, 4 and 5, Forms 144, officer's and director's questionnaires, and reports received from the Company's transfer agent, to determine trading activity by officers, directors and others who have, or may have, access to Inside Information;
- circulating the Policy to all Company Affiliates and Consultants, including Section 16 Individuals, on an annual basis, and providing the Policy and other appropriate materials to new Company Affiliates and Consultants upon the commencement of their relationship with the Company;
- assisting the Company in implementation of the Policy; and
- coordinating with management regarding compliance activities with respect to Rule 144
  requirements and regarding changing requirements and recommendations for compliance
  with Section 16 of the Exchange Act and insider trading laws to ensure that the Policy is
  amended as necessary to comply with such requirements.

### **EXHIBIT A**

## **Consultants**

## All employees of the following affiliated companies:

TESR, LLC Wheeler Retail Ventures, LLC Wheeler Construction, LLC

The following company consultants and their employees:

Equity Development, Inc. – Consultant
Stuart Pleasants – Legal counsel
Haneberg Hurlbert, PLC – SEC legal counsel
Williams Mullen, A Professional Corporation – Tax Counsel
Kaufman & Canoles, P.C. – Legal Counsel
LSA Consulting - Consultant
John Hawley – Consultant
Heritage Business Strategies – Consultant

#### **EXHIBIT B**

## **Section 16 Individuals**

## **Directors:**

Jon S. Wheeler – Chairman John McAuliffe William W. King David Kelly Jeffrey M. Zwerdling Carl B. McGowan, Jr. Stewart J. Brown Kurt Harrington John W. Sweet

# **Officers:**

Jon S. Wheeler – CEO
David Kelly – Chief Investment Officer, Director of Acquisitions
Wilkes J. Graham – CFO
Robin A. Hanisch – Secretary
Matthew T. Reddy - CAO
Jeffrey Parker – Director of Leasing
M. Andrew Franklin – SVP, Operations