

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the  
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <b>THOMSEN JOEL S.</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>1711 GOLD DRIVE S, SUITE 100</b>  (Street) <b>FARGO, ND 58103</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY) <b>4/6/2017</b>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Sterling Real Estate Trust [NONE]</b>
4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  ____ Director ____ 10% Owner ____ <b>X</b> Officer (give title below)      ____ Other (specify below) <b>President /</b>		
5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  ____ <b>X</b> Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Shares	5630.8818	D	
Common Shares	3839.2667	I	By Wife

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)					
1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:  
Exhibit List Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THOMSEN JOEL S. 1711 GOLD DRIVE S SUITE 100 FARGO, ND 58103			President	

Signatures

/s/Kenneth P. Regan, Attorney-in-Fact  
\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

4/18/2017  
Date

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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**LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR  
SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS**

Know all by these present, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints each of Kenneth P. Regan and Angie Stock, each acting individually, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority as hereinafter described on behalf of and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned to:

- (1) prepare, execute, acknowledge, deliver and file Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) with respect to the securities of Sterling Real Estate Trust, d/b/a Sterling Multifamily Trust, a North Dakota real estate investment trust (the "Trust"), with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, any national securities exchanges and the Trust, as considered necessary or advisable under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time (the "Exchange Act");
- (2) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information on transactions in the Trust's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release any such information to the undersigned and approves and ratifies any such release of information; and
- (3) perform any and all other acts which in the discretion of such attorney-in-fact are necessary or desirable for and on behalf of the undersigned in connection with the foregoing.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

- (1) this Limited Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, each such attorney-in-fact to act in their discretion on information provided to such attorney-in-fact without independent verification of such information;
- (2) any documents prepared and/or executed by either such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Limited Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact, in his or her discretion, deems necessary or desirable;
- (3) neither the Trust nor either of such attorneys-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirement of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and
- (4) this Limited Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

The undersigned hereby gives and grants each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the foregoing matters as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if present, hereby ratifying all that each such attorney-in-fact of, for and on behalf of the undersigned, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney.

This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to each such attorney-in-fact. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Limited Power of Attorney to be executed as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

*/s/Joel S. Thomsen*

Joel S. Thomsen

**STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_)**  
**COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_)**

On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, Joel S. Thomsen personally appeared before me, and acknowledged that he executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal.

**Notary Public**

**My Commission Expires:**