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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *- | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| Hammes Gr | egory P | | | S | terli | ing Re | eal Estat | te T | rust [| NONE | [] | | (Check an app | incubic) | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | | | | | | Director 10% Owner | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) TRUSTEE | | | | |
| 4340 18TH AVE S, SUITE 200 | | | | | | 10/15/2024 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (Stre | et) | | 4 | . If Aı | mendme | ent, Date C | Origi | inal File | d (MM/DI | D/YYY | YY) | 6. Individual o | or Joint/G | roup Filing | (Check Appl | icable Line) |
| FARGO, ND 58103 | | | | | | | | | | | | X_Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| | | | Table I | I - Non-D | erivat | tive Sec | urities Ac | qui | red, Dis | posed of | f, or l | Ber | neficially Owne | d | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | . Trans. Date | Date 2A. Deemo Execution Date, if any | | (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | | 5. Amount of Securi Following Reported (Instr. 3 and 4) | rities Beneficially Owned d Transaction(s) | | Ownership Form: Direct (D) | Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | Code | V | Amoun | (A) or (D) | Pri | ce | | | | (I) (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Shares 10/15/202 | | | | 10/15/2024 | | | A | | 12.2636 | (<u>1</u>). A | \$21. | .85 | | | 944.3132 | D | |
| Common Shares 10/15/202 | | | | 10/15/2024 | | | A | | 7.1323 | (<u>1)</u> A | \$21. | .85 | | | 549.1819 | I | By Wife |
| | Tab | le II - Dei | rivative | Securitie | s Ben | eficiall | y Owned | (e.g. | , puts, c | alls, wa | rran | ts, c | options, conver | tible secu | ırities) | | |
| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | • | 3A. Deer Executio Date, if a | on (Instr. | | Derivat Acquire Dispose | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | | | rities vativo : 3 a | nd Amount of s Underlying e Security nd 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | Ownership Form of Derivative | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) Includes shares acquired on October 15, 2024 under the dividend investment plan.

Reporting Owners

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|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--|---------|--|--|--|--|
| Panarting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | | Other | | | | |
| Hammes Gregory P. | | | | | | | | |
| 4340 18TH AVE S | | | | TRUSTEE | | | | |
| SUITE 200 | | | | IKUSIEE | | | | |
| FARGO, ND 58103 | | | | | | | | |

Signatures

Michael P. Carlson, as Attorney-in-Fact for Gregory P. Hammes pursuant to Power of Attorney filed herewith.

10/17/2024

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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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, Megan E. Schreiner, Michael P. Carlson, Jackie M. Erovick, Andrew Nick and Edward Peilen, each acting individually, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorneyin- 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 1 6(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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any attorney-in-fact no longer serves as an executive officer of the Trust at any time while this Limited Power of Attorney is in effect, the appointment of such attorney-in-fact shall immediately be deemed revoked, and this Limited Power of Attorney shall continue in full force and effect as to the remaining attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Limited Power of Attorney to be executed as of October 16, 2024.

/s/ Gregory P. Hammes
Gregory P. Hammes