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November 29, 2007

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

STERLING FINANCIAL CORP

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

BARNES NED M

			/WA/ [STSA]						(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/27/2007							_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
(Street) 4. If Amendr Filed(Month/l							nal		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
SPOKANE							Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned												
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deem Execution any (Month/D	Date, if	Code (Instr. 8	ransaction(A) or Disposed of ode (D) nstr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
Common Stock									17,777	D			
Common Stock									35,568	I	Corp. Profit-Sharing Plan		
Common Stock	11/27/2007	11/27/20	007	P		700	A	\$ 16.9	3,702	I	JBG General Partnership		
Common Stock									3,213	I	WKDT Partnership		

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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					(A) or						Repo
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					4, and 5)						
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						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
				C-J- V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BARNES NED M X 111 N. WALL STREET SPOKANE, WA 99201

Signatures

Daniel G. Byrne 11/29/2007 **Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).

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