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Calculating the Capital Gains Tax

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Investment Property Exchange Services, Inc.

- $100 million fidelity bond coverage
- $50 million written performance guaranty
- $30 million professional liability insurance
- Regional attorneys and experienced exchange sales and processing team
- Leading expertise in real estate and personal property exchanges, including:
  » Simultaneous/Delayed
  » Construction/Improvement
  » Reverse
  » Multiple Asset/Program Exchanges
  » Aircraft
- Complimentary exchange consultations
- Timely document preparation
- Accredited exchange workshops and seminars
- Informative, educational literature

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The Exchange Process

The steps for completing an exchange with IPX1031® are relatively simple.

- The exchanger signs a contract to sell a relinquished property to the buyer.
- IPX1031® and the exchanger enter into the exchange agreement to retain IPX1031® as the Qualified Intermediary and the exchanger assigns the exchanger’s rights in the sale contract to IPX1031®.
- At the closing of the relinquished property the exchange funds are wired to IPX1031® and IPX1031® instructs the settlement officer to transfer the deed directly from the exchanger to the buyer.
- The exchanger has a maximum of 180 days in the exchange period (or until the tax filing deadline, including extensions, for the year of the sale of the relinquished property), to acquire all replacement property.

- The exchanger must identify possible replacement properties in writing to IPX1031® within the 45-day identification period.
- The exchanger signs a contract to purchase the replacement property with the seller and the exchanger assigns the exchanger’s rights in the purchase contract to IPX1031®.
- At the closing of the replacement property IPX1031® wires the exchange funds to complete the exchange and IPX1031® instructs the settlement officer to transfer the deed directly from the seller to the exchanger.
Whether the investor’s property is owned free and clear or encumbered, the benefits of a tax deferred exchange are significant. The tax dollars saved by an exchange can be utilized to purchase additional investment property. **Compare a sale vs. an exchange with the following assumptions:**

- Investor sells property with no debt for $1,000,000
- The property has been fully depreciated and has a basis of $100,000
- The property has been owned for more than 12 months
- Assume a combined tax rate of at least 25% (federal capital gain, depreciation recapture, healthcare tax, and state)

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**Result:** The investor who exchanges is able to defer capital gain tax and purchase replacement property worth at least $225,000 more than the investor who sells and reinvests with after-tax dollars.

To qualify as a “like-kind” property for a §1031 exchange the investor’s relinquished property and replacement properties must be property that has been and will be held for productive use in the investor’s trade or business or for investment.