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1031 Exchange Rules

1. Types of real property that qualify:

- Any property that *produces income* or is *held for investment*
- "Like-Kind" is somewhat of a misnomer any real property can qualify and be exchanged for any other real property – except:
 - Owner occupied personal primary residence
 - Typically fix-&-flips and developers cannot use 1031 exchanges
- o "Held-for" requirement:
 - There is no stated period of time to qualify it is about the seller's "intent"
 - One year and a day gives long-term capital gains treatment



2. 45-Day ID Rule: seller has 45 days from sale closing to identify replacement properties:

- o Three-Property Rule: exchanger is limited to a maximum of three possible replacement properties
- o 200% Rule: if more than 3 properties ID'd, then the replacement property dollar amount is capped
- o 95% Rule: if exceeding the 200% rule, then exchanger must close on 95% of \$-value of ID'd properties

3. 180-Day Rule: exchanger has 180 days to acquire one or more of the identified replacement properties – the exchange is essentially from sale closing to purchase closing

4. Qualified Intermediary (QI) or accommodator requirements:

- o The seller/exchanger must use a QI
- Seller/exchanger cannot have constructive receipt of sales proceeds (exchange proceeds) the QI must hold the funds
- o QI cannot be the seller's/exchanger's attorney or accountant

5. Reinvestment requirement or the equal-or-up rule:

- To pay zero taxes (fully defer the gains) buy replacement property that is equal-or-greater in value AND reinvest all cash proceeds
- o "Boot" results if exchanger buys down in value or has left over proceeds

6. Vesting or title requirements – ownership entity issues:

- Tax return trumps title
- \circ Same taxpayer that owned the relinquished property must acquire the replacement property





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- \$100 million Fidelity Bond
- \$50 million third party corporate performance guarantee
- \$30 million in Errors & Omissions insurance
- Our insurance certificates are posted on our website www.ipx1031.com
- Exchange funds are held in segregated bank accounts for the benefit of the named Exchanger, using the Exchanger's taxpayer identification number
- Disbursement of exchange funds requires written authorization from the Exchanger
- Disbursements require dual authorization and are controlled by our separate Banking Division; sales and administrative staff have no authority or ability to transfer funds
- Regular reconciliation of exchange fund balances by our Banking staff and our parent company
- As part of a large publicly-traded corporation, we are subject to audits, controls, and a level of financial transparency that is not required of privately held businesses

Expertise & Service – Our depth of technical expertise and practical experience has developed over many years. Additionally, our professionalism and commitment to our customers are demonstrated every day by the following.

- Regional attorneys and experienced staff available to provide guidance for real estate and personal property exchanges, including delayed, simultaneous, improvement, and reverse exchanges.
- Sales Executives located throughout the country available for accredited seminars and complimentary exchange consultations
- Expert preparation of exchange documents essential for a timely closing
- Member and leadership role in the Federation of Exchange Accommodators, the national trade association of 1031 Qualified Intermediaries.

Strength:

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Capital gains taxes are now <u>30</u>% to <u>40</u>% blended or effective rate:

- **15%** &/or **20%** on the appreciation (both tax rates may be applied in phases, depending on the amount of the gain and the taxpayer's AGI)
- + 25% depreciation recapture (§1250 gain, unless it's raw land; accelerated depreciation is recaptured at ordinary income rates under §1245)
- + 3.8% "Obama-care" tax or the ACA tax or the Medicare surtax (NIIT: Net Investment Income Tax §1411)
- + 4.63% State of Colorado
- Total = 30% to 40% this is the blended or effective capital gains tax rate
- For example, with a gain of \$10,000 and if there is no 1031 exchange the effective capital gains taxes could be \$3,000 to \$4,000. But **all** of these taxes may be deferred under a properly structured 1031 exchange
- There are even strategies whereby some of the capital gain can ultimately be taken tax *free*...