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## welcome

## TO A POWERFUL TOOL THAT CAN WORK TO YOUR FINANCIAL ADVANTAGE.

When you sell your interest in an investment property and buy another, you may face a large capital gain and the prospect of paying federal taxes on it-and in some states, state taxes as well. So your attorney, tax advisor, or real estate professional may suggest a tax-deferred exchange under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code.
A 1031 Exchange allows you to dispose of investment properties and acquire "like-kind" properties while deferring federal capital gains taxes. Most states with a capital gains tax offer a similar tax advantage, too. Bottom line: a 1031 Exchange lets you reinvest sale proceeds that would otherwise be paid to the government as capital gains taxes

Let's assume you acquired a property for $\$ 800,000$ four years ago. It has a current mortgage balance of $\$ 600,000$ and has appreciated to $\$ 1,800,000$. During the period you owned the property you have taken depreciation deductions of $\$ 100,000$. Your long term capital gains tax would total \$175,000 calculated as follows:
$\$ 1,000,000$ appreciation gain $\times 15 \%$ * $=\$ 150,000$; $\$ 100,000$ depreciation recapture $\times 25 \%=\$ 25,000$

|  | SALE | EXCHANGE |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Current value | $\$ 1,800,000$ | $\$ 1,800,000$ |
| Mortgage payoff | $(600,000)$ | $(600,000)$ |
| Tax on $\$ 1,000,000$ <br> appreciation @ 15\% | $(150,000)$ | deferred |
| Tax on $\$ 100,000$ <br> recapture @ 925 | $(25,000)$ | defereciation | | Available for reinvestment | $\$ 1,025,000$ | $\$ 1,200,000$ |
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| Value of replacement property <br> assuming 30\% down | $\$ 3,416,667$ | $\$ 4,000,000$ |

[^1]IT STARTS WITH "LIKE-KIND" PROPERTIES. Any real or personal property can be exchanged, provided it's held "for productive use in a trade or business," or "for investment," and is exchanged for property of like-kind that will also be held for one of these same purposes.
Most real property is considered "like-kind" to other real property. A single-family rental unit, for example,may be property. A single-family rental unit, for example,may be
used to acquire another like it, or to purchase a warehouse, used to acquire another like it, or to purchase a warehou
retail center, or office building. Like-kind limitations on personal property are more restrictive; assets must be classified similarly under government accounting classifications.


THE RULES ARE CLEAR AND SIMPLE DENTIFICATION PERIOD The property you're acquiring must be identified within 45 days of the transfer of the first relinquished property
EXCHANGE PERIOD The acquisition of your replacement property must be completed by the earlier of 180 days from transfer of the relinquished property or the due date of your tax return for the year in which the relinquished property was transferred.
TRADING UP To be fully tax-deferred, the property you're acquiring must have value and equity equal to, or greater than, the relinquished property.
YOU MAY IDENTIFY THE REPLACEMENT PROPERTY BY YOUR CHOICE OF THE:
3-PROPERTY RULE Three properties, no matter what their value, or
200 PERCENT RULE Any number of properties, as long as their combined fair market value isn't more than twice that of all relinquished property, or
95 PERCENT RULE Any number of properties, regardless of their combined fair market value, as long as you acquire 95 percent of that total value

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## MAKES THE PROCESS SEAMLESS FOR YOU

STEP 1: PURCHASE CONTRACT—RELINOUISHED PROPERTY
You and your buyer enter into a Purchase Contract with respect to the sale of your property (known as the "relinquished property"). This Relinquished Property Purchase Contract should contain a "cooperation clause" obligating the buyer to cooperate in structuring the transaction as a tax-deferred exchange. Contact us for a sample "cooperation clause."

STEP 2: RELINQUISHED PROPERTY EXCHANGE DOCUMENTS
Next, contact First American Exchange to start the tax-deferred exchange process. We will prepare an Exchange Agreement, an Assignment of the Relinquished Property Purchase Contract (assigning your rights as seller to us), a Notice of the Assignment (for delivery to the buyer), and instructions to the settlement agent necessary to complete the transaction. All of these documents must be signed and dated before or as of the date of closing
STEP 3: CLOSING THE RELINQUISHED PROPERTY
When the conditions of closing have been met, your relinquished property will be conveyed to the buyer. While the conveyance will be directly from you to the buyer, it will represent a transfer from you to First American Exchange in exchange for other property that you will receive at a later date. It also represents the sale from First American Exchange to the buyer for cash. The cash proceeds from the sale of the relinquished property must be delivered directly to First American Exchange. At no time should you be in either actual or constructive receipt of the cash proceeds

STEP 4: RELINQUISHED PROPERTY PROCEEDS AND FORMS
Following the relinquished property closing, First American Exchange will hold the exchange proceeds and provide you with forms to identify potential replacement properties within the 45 -day identification period.

STEP 5: PURCHASE CONTRACT—REPLACEMENT PROPERTY
After you have identified suitable "like-kind" replacement properties and made a decision as to which identified properties you intend to acquire, you will enter into a Purchase Contract with the seller. This Replacement Property Purchase Contract should also contain a "cooperation clause" obligating the seller to cooperate with you in completing your tax-deferred exchange. Contact us for a sample "cooperation clause."

STEP 6: REPLACEMENT PROPERTY EXCHANGE DOCUMENTS
First American Exchange will then prepare an Assignment of the Replacement Property Purchase Contract (assigning your rights as buyer to us), Notice of the Assignment (for delivery to the seller), and instructions to the settlement agen necessary to complete the transaction. All of these documents must be signed before or as of the date of closing.
STEP 7: CLOSING THE REPLACEMENT PROPERTY
When the conditions of closing have been met, First American Exchange will deliver the exchange proceeds to the settlement agent to acquire the replacement property. The seller will convey the replacement property directly to you. This conveyance will represent a purchase from the seller by First American Exchange and a transfer to you in completion of the exchange. Remember that, to qualify for tax-deferred treatment, this closing must occur by the earlier of 180 days from the date of closing on your first relinquished property or the due date of filing your federal income tax return for the year in which your first relinquished property was sold, including extensions.

STEP 8: KEEPING YOU INFORMED AND FINAL RECONCILIATION
Prior to or at the conclusion of your exchange, First American Exchange Company will provide you with a copy of your exchange documents, including a statement reflecting the receipt and disbursement of all exchange funds. With this information, you and your tax advisor will complete Form 8824 to be filed with your federal income tax return, as well as any State forms required to report the transaction as an exchange.

THE 1031 EXCHANGE PROCESS


Depend on our experts to keep the process simple, and the results rewarding. Call First American Exchange Company today.


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