### TAP INTO THE TAX ADVANTAGES OF YOUR PROPERTY

### **HOW COST SEGREGATION CAN INCREASE CASH FLOW AND REDUCE TAXES**

**Cost segregation studies separate real property** into depreciable categories, allowing taxpayers to depreciate property over much shorter periods of time. By taking deductions sooner, owners lower their current-year tax liability and free up more capital.







### **ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?**

If your business owns or leases real estate, you are a potential candidate for cost segregation. A study is typically cost effective for buildings purchased, constructed or renovated in the past 10 years with a renovation or purchase price of at least

\$300,000.

## **HOW IT WORKS**

When you purchase a property, you've purchased a building and its components. While the real property is typically depreciated over 39 years (27.5 years for residential), 20-40% of the purchase can often be separated into personal property and depreciated much more quickly (usually 5, 7 or 15 years). This decreases taxes and boosts cash flow.





### $\langle \langle \langle$ **KEY BUILDING** COMPONENTS

**Building components that can often be reclassified:** 

- Flooring
- Signage
- Lighting
- Cabinetry
- Sidewalks
- Parking lots
- Appliances
- Countertops
- Landscaping

### **ALL BUILDINGS CAN BENEFIT**

Some of the properties that could benefit from a cost segregation study include:

- Manufacturing facilities
  Apartment buildings
- **Office buildings**
- Auto dealerships
- Banks
- **R&D centers**
- Retail centers
- Restaurants
- Hotels & motels
- Assisted living





### THE BOTTOM LINE

By performing a cost segregation study, property owners can reclaim past depreciation, reduce their tax liability and significantly increase cash flow.

#### WHAT'S NEXT?

James Moore can help determine if your business could benefit from a cost segregation study. Contact us to get started.

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