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Tax Implications and Strategies Following CCS Credit Sales

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- Restrictive Covenant is an asset
 - Sale of an asset is a taxable event to landowner
 - Reduce with basis
- Considerations
 - Long Term Capital Gains vs. Ordinary Income
- Must make sense economically



Development and Sale of Less Than 100 Credits

- Potential for Long Term Capital Gains
 - Not considered a dealer of credits
 - Must own land for more than 1 year



Development and Sale of More Than 100 Credits

- Risk of Ordinary Income
 - Considered a dealer of credits
 - Taxed at ordinary income tax rate



How to Lessen the Tax Implications?

- Develop and sell less than 100 credits to decrease the risk the sales are classified as ordinary income.
- Structure the credit sales as an installment sale to spread out the tax burden over a longer period of time.
- Use existing basis in the land to offset part of the sales proceeds of the credits.
- Engage in additional tax planning prior to and after the sale of credits.





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