



**OFFICE OF ASSESSOR  
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ASSESSOR**

**Important Information About Business Property Taxes**

All property in California that is not exempt under the laws of the United States or California is subject to property taxation. As an owner of a business you should know that each County in California imposes an annual "ad valorem" property tax on business property. This tax is based on the assessed value of property that you own, possess or control on each January 1st (the "lien date").

Taxable business property is property such as supplies, office furniture and equipment, machinery and equipment for industry, profession or trade, tools, computer and related equipment, and building or leasehold improvements. Business inventory held for sale is exempt from taxation. Licensed motor vehicles are taxed by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

As a business owner in Alameda County, you may be required to file an annual business property statement (Form 571L). The property statement requires you to declare (list) all taxable business property located in Alameda County that you owned, claimed, possessed, controlled, or managed on January 1st. Please contact the Alameda County Assessor's Office for more information and to request that the business property statement (Form 571L) be sent to you.

If you are required to file an annual business property statement, it must be delivered to the Assessor or postmarked by May 7. Failure to file a business property statement or filing the statement late may result in penalties.

**Ron Thomsen, Assessor  
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