



**FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD**

APPELLANT: Jefferson Montano
DOCKET NO.: 10-35477.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 19-25-100-007-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jefferson Montano, the appellant, by Christopher G. Walsh, Jr., Attorney at Law in Chicago; and the Cook County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds a reduction in the assessment of the property as established by the Cook County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND: \$3,366
IMPR.: \$14,634
TOTAL: \$18,000**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is improved with a two-story, mixed-use building of masonry construction. The building is approximately 54 years old and contains 4,800 square feet of building area. Features of the building include two apartment units, a partial unfinished basement and a two-car garage.¹ The subject property has a 3,960 square foot site and is located in Chicago, Lake Township, Cook County.

The subject property is an owner occupied residence that was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board the prior year under docket number 09-28333.001-R-1. In that appeal the Property Tax Appeal Board rendered a decision

¹ The number of commercial units in the building was not disclosed.

lowering the assessment of the subject property to \$18,000 based on the evidence submitted by the parties. The appellant's attorney asserted that the 2009 assessment should be carried to the 2010 assessment year.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the final assessment of the subject property totaling \$25,916 was disclosed. The board of review submitted the property record cards of four comparables to demonstrate the subject was being assessed uniformly.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal. Pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185), the Board finds the prior year's decision should be carried forward to the subsequent year subject only to equalization.

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) provides in part:

If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel on which a residence occupied by the owner is situated, such reduced assessment, subject to equalization, shall remain in effect for the remainder of the general assessment period as provided in Sections 9-215 through 9-225, unless that parcel is subsequently sold in an arm's length transaction establishing a fair cash value for the parcel that is different from the fair cash value on which the Board's assessment is based, or unless the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board is reversed or modified upon review.

The record disclosed the Property Tax Appeal Board issued a decision reducing the subject's 2009 assessment. The record further indicates that the subject property received a homeowner exemption for 2011 and the appellant's mailing address for this 2010 appeal is the same address as the subject property. Furthermore, the board of review did not refute the inference that the subject is an owner occupied dwelling and that 2009 and 2010 are within the same general assessment period. The record contains no evidence indicating the subject property sold in an arm's length transaction subsequent to the Board's decision or that the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board was reversed or modified upon review. For these reasons the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that a reduction in the subject's assessment

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is warranted to reflect the Board's prior year's decision plus the application of an equalization factor, if any.

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.

Chairman

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Robert Steffen

Acting Member

DISSENTING: _____

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date: January 22, 2016

A. Proctor

Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the subsequent year are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for the subsequent year directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A PETITION AND EVIDENCE WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.