



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

APPELLANT: Ray Ibrahim  
DOCKET NO.: 10-35945.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 09-25-402-024-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ray Ibrahim, the appellant(s), by attorney Stephanie Park, of Park & Longstreet, P.C. in Rolling Meadows; and the Cook County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds no change 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: \$6,321  
IMPR.: \$23,650  
TOTAL: \$29,971**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Cook County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2010 tax year. The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of the appeal.

**Findings of Fact**

The subject property consists of a 4,515 square foot parcel of land improved with a 55-year old, one-story, masonry, single-family dwelling containing 1,017 square feet of living area.

The property is located in Jefferson Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a 2-03 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends inequity as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted four equity comparables. The appellant also included a copy of the 2009 Property Tax Appeal Board Decision.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$29,971 with an improvement assessment of \$23,650 or \$23.25 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted four equity comparables. The board of review also included a brief arguing that the subject property does not qualify for the 2009 decision to be "rolled over" to the 2010 appeal because the subject does not receive a homeowners exemption which would establish it as owner occupied.

In rebuttal, the appellant submitted a letter asserting that the appellant was not requesting the 2009 decision to be rolled over to the 2010 appeal, but merely submitted the decision to support the 2010 direct appeal to the Property Tax Appeal Board. The appellant affirmed that he did not make any allegation that he occupied the subject.

### Conclusion of Law

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not less than three comparable properties showing the similarity, proximity and lack of distinguishing characteristics of the assessment comparables to the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties presented a total of eight equity comparables. The Board finds both parties' comparables similar to the subject.

The comparables have improvement assessments from \$16.52 to \$23.92 per square foot of living area. In comparison, the subject's assessment of \$23.25 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the comparables in this record. Based on this record the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not justified.

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.

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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



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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.