



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

APPELLANT: Norman Croft
DOCKET NO.: 11-20546.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 11-07-117-025-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Norman Croft, the appellant, by attorney Leonard Schiller, of Schiller Strauss & Lavin PC 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: \$ 8,877
IMPR.: \$23,436
TOTAL: \$32,313**

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 2011 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 is a 117 year-old, one and one-half-story residential apartment building of frame construction containing 3,578 square feet of living area and three rental apartments. Features of the home include a full finished basement and a two-car garage. The property has a 6,700 square foot site and is

located in Evanston Township, Cook County. The property is a Class 2-11 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted an appraisal estimating the subject property had a market value of \$340,500 as of August 21, 2009. The appellant's Residential Appeal disclosed that he filed an appeal with the Board for prior year of 2010. The appraisal disclosed that the subject property was occupied by tenants, and included a statement from the appraiser that he personally inspected the interior and exterior, including all units, of the subject. It also disclosed that each of the three rental apartments was rented on a month-to-month lease and generated rental income. The appraiser included a statement in the appraisal report that rent information was supplied to him by the property owner.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$69,012. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$727,208, or \$203.24 per square foot of living area including land, when applying the 2011 three-year average median level of assessment of 9.49% for Class 2 property as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(c)(2)).

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four unadjusted suggested sales comparables.

In rebuttal, the appellant reaffirmed the request for an assessment reduction.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal of the subject property, a recent sale, comparable sales or construction costs. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(c). The Board finds the appellant met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appraisal submitted by the appellant. The Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$340,500 as of the assessment date at issue. Since market value has been established, the 2011 three-year average median level of assessment of 9.49% for Class 2 property as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue shall apply. (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(c)(2)).

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



Member

Member



Member

Acting Member



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



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.