



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

APPELLANT: Irfan Sheikh
DOCKET NO.: 11-31790.001-R-1 through 11-31790.002-R-1
PARCEL NO.: See Below

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Irfan Sheikh, the appellant(s), by attorney Edward P. Larkin, Attorney at Law in Des Plaines; and the Cook County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, 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:

DOCKET NO	PARCEL NUMBER	LAND	IMPRVMT	TOTAL
11-31790.001-R-1	20-03-414-038-1003	1,881	4,419	\$6,300
11-31790.002-R-1	20-03-414-038-1004	1,881	3,719	\$5,600

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 consists of two units in a four-unit condominium building. The property has a 4,127 square foot site, and is located in Hyde Park Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-99 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal and is appealing two of the four units in the building. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted evidence showing that two units in the building sold. The subjects of this appeal are the units ending in PIN -1003 which sold January 5, 2009 for \$63,000 and the unit ending in PIN -1004 which sold August 13, 2009 for \$56,000. This evidence included a printout from the Cook County Recorder of deeds, a copy of the escrow disbursement statement and sales contract for the unit ending in PIN -1003 and a printout from the Cook County Recorder of Deeds, a copy of a partial and unsigned sales

contract, and a settlement statement for the unit ending in PIN -1004. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$37,118. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$371,180, including land, when applying the level assessment for class 2 properties of 10.00% as determined by the Cook County classification ordinance.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted a sales analysis using the sale of three units in the building that sold from 2006-2008 for a total of \$673,000. The analysis indicated that the full value of the two units is \$464,122. Based on this analysis, the board of review requested that the subject's assessment be confirmed.

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 purchase of the units in the subject building ending in PIN -1003, which sold January 5, 2009 for \$63,000 and the unit ending in PIN -1004, which sold August 13, 2009 for \$56,000. The appellant provided evidence demonstrating the sale had the elements of arm's length transaction and in support of the transaction, This evidence included a printout from the Cook County Recorder of deeds, a copy of the escrow disbursement statement and sales contract for the unit ending in PIN -1003 and a printout from the Cook County Recorder of Deeds, a copy of a partial and unsigned sales contract, and a settlement statement for the unit ending in PIN -1004. Lastly, the board of review failed to provide any evidence to challenge the arm's length nature of the transaction.

Based on this record, the Board finds the subject property unit ending in PIN -1003 had a market value of \$63,000, and the property unit ending in PIN -1004 had a market value of \$56,000 as of January 1, 2011. Since market value has been established the level of assessment for class 2 properties of 10.00% as determined by the Cook County classification ordinance shall apply.

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.