



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

APPELLANT: Brian Campbell  
DOCKET NO.: 12-22351.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 25-07-327-004-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Brian Campbell, the appellant, by attorney Julie Realmuto of McCarthy Duffy 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:** \$8,075  
**IMPR.:** \$18,462  
**TOTAL:** \$26,537

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 2012 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 two-story dwelling of masonry construction with 2,172 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 99 years old. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement and a one and one-half car garage. The property has a 9,500 square foot site and is located in Chicago, Lake Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-05 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. The appellant did not contest the subject's land assessment. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables. The comparables range in size from 1,960 to 2,190 square feet of living area and are 76 or 78 years old. The appellant failed to disclose the comparables foundation types.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$31,617. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$23,542 or \$10.84 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three equity comparables, one of which is a one-story design. The comparables range in size from 1,726 to 2,128 square feet of living area and range in age from 70 to 91 years old.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The taxpayer 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be board of review comparables #2 and #3. These comparables were most similar to the subject in foundation type and other features. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparables due to their foundation types not being disclosed. The Board also gave less weight to the board of review's comparable #1 due to its dissimilar one-story design, its dissimilar slab foundation and its considerably smaller size, when compared to the subject. The best comparables had improvement assessments of \$9.15 and \$11.98 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$10.84 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. However, the most similar comparables were superior to the subject in age and their central air conditioning feature. In addition, board of review comparable #3 had a formal recreation room in its basement, was newer in age and had an extra space in its garage. Therefore, based on this record the Board finds the appellant did demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment is 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: November 20, 2015



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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.