



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

APPELLANT: Chicago Opportunity 5 LLC  
DOCKET NO.: 12-28028.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 26-07-134-069-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Chicago Opportunity 5 LLC, the appellant, 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 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:

**LAND:** \$685  
**IMPR.:** \$2,315  
**TOTAL:** \$3,000

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 973 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 67 years old and has a full unfinished basement. The property has a 5,000 square foot site and is located in Chicago, Hyde Park Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-05 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation. In support of this argument the appellant submitted evidence disclosing the subject property was purchased on April 18, 2012 for a price of \$30,000. The appellant's evidence of the subject's sale included a copy of the settlement statement and an affidavit from the buyer's agent.

The appellant also submitted a grid analysis containing four comparable sales from the subject's neighborhood. The sales occurred from June to December 2010 for prices ranging from \$25,000 to \$41,500 or from \$25.96 to \$43.01 per square foot of living area including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$2,530.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$8,762. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$87,620 or \$90.05 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the level of assessments for class 2 property of 10% under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three comparable sales, one of which was located in the subject's neighborhood. The sales occurred from August 2009 to August 2011 for prices ranging from \$113,706 to \$200,000 or from \$98.36 to \$163.67 per square foot of living area including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

The appellant submitted a rebuttal brief critiquing the board of review's submission, arguing the board of review's comparables are superior to the subject, two comparables are located over 3 miles from the subject and requesting the appeal be written on the evidence in the record.

### **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 subject property in April 2012 for a price of \$30,000. The appellant provided evidence demonstrating the sale had the elements of an arm's length transaction. The appellant completed Section IV - Recent Sale Data of the appeal disclosing the parties to the transaction were not related, the property was sold using a Realtor, the property had been advertised on the open market with the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) and it had been on the market for 1 month. The appellant disclosed in Section IV - Recent Sale Data of the appeal that a renovation expenditure of \$9,823.27 was spent prior to occupying the subject, which was pending at the time of this appeal. However, the Board finds the additional amount spent on renovation was not completed prior to the January 1, 2012 assessment date. In further support of the transaction the appellant submitted a copy of the settlement statement and an affidavit from the buyer's agent. The Board finds the purchase price is below the market value reflected by the assessment. The Board finds the board of review did not present any evidence to challenge the arm's length nature of the transaction or to refute the contention that the purchase price was reflective of market value. The Board gave less weight to the parties' comparable sales evidence, as this evidence does not overcome the weight of the subject's arm's-length sale transaction. Based on this record, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is appropriate.

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



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Member



Acting Member

DISSENTING: \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATION

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 27, 2017



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.