



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

APPELLANT: 3900-3920 W. 71st Street, LLC  
DOCKET NO.: 13-26918.001-C-1 through 13-26918.009-C-1  
PARCEL NO.: See Below

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are 3900-3920 W. 71st Street, LLC, the appellant(s), by attorney Chris D. Sarris, of Steven B. Pearlman & Associates in Chicago; 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
13-26918.001-C-1	19-23-328-036-0000	6,445	128	\$6,573
13-26918.002-C-1	19-23-328-037-0000	6,445	7,437	\$13,882
13-26918.003-C-1	19-23-328-038-0000	6,445	8,180	\$14,625
13-26918.004-C-1	19-23-328-039-0000	6,445	8,180	\$14,625
13-26918.005-C-1	19-23-328-040-0000	6,445	9,668	\$16,113
13-26918.006-C-1	19-23-328-041-0000	6,445	11,899	\$18,344
13-26918.007-C-1	19-23-328-042-0000	6,445	15,112	\$21,557
13-26918.008-C-1	19-23-328-043-0000	9,262	18,175	\$27,437
13-26918.009-C-1	19-23-328-051-0000	6,703	142	\$6,845

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 2013 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 one-story, commercial building of masonry construction. The property has a 29,616 square foot site and is located in Lake Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 5 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 11, 2013 for a price of \$560,000. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to 25% of the purchase price. In addition, the appellant submitted an appraisal estimating the subject property had a market value of \$560,000 as of January 20, 2013.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$174,141. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$696,564 when using the 2013 statutory level of assessments for class 5 property of 25% 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 six suggested sales comparables.

In written rebuttal, appellant's attorney submitted a brief addressing the board of review's evidence.

### **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, 2013 for a price of \$560,000. The appellant provided evidence demonstrating the sale of the subject. The Board finds the purchase price is below the market value reflected by the assessment. In addition, the Board finds the purchase price is supported by appellant's appraisal. Based on this record the Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$560,000 as of January 1, 2013. Since market value has been determined the 2013 statutory level of assessments for class 5 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 25% 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. Pursuant to Section 1910.50(d) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(d)) the proceeding before the Property Tax Appeal Board is terminated when the decision is rendered. The Property Tax Appeal Board does not require any motion or request for reconsideration.



Chairman



Member



Member



Member



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: May 15, 2018



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 or years of the same general assessment period, as provided in Sections 9-125 through 9-225, 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 such subsequent year or years 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 OR YEARS. A separate petition and evidence must be filed for each of the remaining years of the general assessment period.

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.

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