



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

APPELLANT: Keith Allen
DOCKET NO.: 13-27256.001-C-1 through 13-27256.005-C-1
PARCEL NO.: See Below

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Keith Allen, the appellant(s), by attorney Michael D. Gertner, of Michael D. Gertner, Ltd. 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 |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| 13-27256.001-C-1 | 20-21-416-021-0000 | 9,023 | 11,692 | \$20,715 |
| 13-27256.002-C-1 | 20-21-416-022-0000 | 9,023 | 11,692 | \$20,715 |
| 13-27256.003-C-1 | 20-21-416-023-0000 | 9,023 | 11,692 | \$20,715 |
| 13-27256.004-C-1 | 20-21-416-024-0000 | 26,709 | 36,248 | \$62,957 |
| 13-27256.005-C-1 | 20-21-416-025-0000 | 25,987 | 33,911 | \$59,898 |

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 five parcels of land improved with a 31-year old, one-story, masonry, commercial building containing 3,560 square feet of building area. The property is located in Lake Township, Cook County and is a class 5 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 \$740,000 as of January 1, 2012. The appellant requests an assessment based on 25% of the appraised value.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$213,561. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$854,244 using the Cook County Real Estate Classification Ordinance level of assessment for class 5 property of 25%.

In support of the assessment the board of review submitted five sales comparables.

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 best evidence of market value to be the appraisal submitted by the appellant. The subject's assessment reflects a market value above the best evidence of market value in the record. The Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$740,000 as of the assessment date at issue. Since market value has been established the Cook County Real Estate Classification Ordinance level of assessment for class 5 property of 25% 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.