



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

APPELLANT: Panomitros  
DOCKET NO.: 14-24487.001-C-1  
PARCEL NO.: 14-18-220-009-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Panomitros, the appellant, by attorney Arnold G. Siegel of Siegel & Callahan, P.C. 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:** \$131,531  
**IMPR.:** \$93,469  
**TOTAL:** \$225,000

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 2014 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 is improved with a one-story commercial building of masonry construction with 9,645 square feet of building area. The building is approximately 99 years old. The building has a poured concrete slab foundation. The property has a 14,030 square foot site and is located in Chicago, Lake View Township, Cook County. The property is a class 5-17 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 \$900,000 as of January 1, 2012. The appraisal was prepared by David

Conaghan, an Illinois Certified General Real Estate Appraiser. In estimating the market value of the subject property Conaghan developed the income approach to value and the sales comparison approach to value. The appellant also provide a letter, which is to be considered an addendum to the appraisal report, from Conaghan asserting that the subject property would have a value as of January 1, 2013, substantially the same as the indicated value of the previous report.

The appellant also submitted a copy of the decision issued by the Cook County Board of Review disclosing the total assessment for the subject property of \$251,171. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$1,004,684 when applying the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance level of assessment for class 5-17 property of 25%. Based on this evidence the appellant requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$225,000 to reflect the appraised value.

The board of review did not submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" or any evidence in support of its assessed valuation of the subject property.

#### **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 only evidence of market value to be the appraisal submitted by the appellant estimating a market value for the subject property of \$900,000 as of January 1, 2012 and a letter of addendum from the appraiser asserting the subject's value would be the same as of January 1, 2013. The subject's assessment reflects a market value above the only evidence of market value in the record. The board of review did not submit any evidence in support of its assessment of the subject property or to refute the appellant's evidence as required by Section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board and finds the board of review to be in default pursuant to section 1910.69(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.40(a) & §1910.69(a)). Based on this record the Board finds a reduction to the subject's assessment commensurate with the appellant's request 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.

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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: March 18, 2016



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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.