



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

APPELLANT: John Leung
DOCKET NO.: 14-34069.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 05-17-300-060-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are John Leung, the appellant(s); 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: \$35,392
IMPR.: \$54,608
TOTAL: \$90,000

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 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 two-story, single-family dwelling of masonry construction with 4,568 square feet of living area. Features of the home include a partial unfinished basement, three and one-half baths, three fireplaces, and a two car garage. The dwelling was constructed in 1985 and is located in Winnetka, New Trier Township, Cook County. The property is a class 2-08 per the Cook County Real Property 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 February 14, 2013. Appellant requested that the Board apply the 10% level of assessment as determined by the Cook County Real Property Classification Code.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject property has a total assessment of \$120,000 was disclosed. The subject's assessment reflects a

market value of \$1,200,000 when applying the level of assessment of 10% for class 2-08 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

In support of the assessment, the board of review submitted a grid listing four equity comparables and sales data for comparable #1 and #4.

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 appraisal submitted by the appellant. The subject's assessment reflects a total market value of \$1,200,000, which is above the best evidence of market value in the record. The Board finds the subject property's had a total market value of \$900,000 as of the assessment date at issue. Since market value has been established, the level of assessment for class 2-08 properties of 10.00% as determined by the Cook County Classification Ordinance 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.