



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

APPELLANT: Debra Forssander
DOCKET NO.: 15-27218.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 03-27-302-003-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Debra Forssander, 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 **No Change** 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: \$5,000
IMPR.: \$40,000
TOTAL: \$45,000

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 2015 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 frame construction. The dwelling was constructed in 1956. Features of the dwelling include three and one-half baths, air conditioning, and a three-car garage. The property has a 20,000 square foot site and is located in Mount Prospect, Wheeling Township, Cook County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. The appellant's pleading state that the subject's size is incorrect and therefore, incorrectly classified as a class 2-08 property. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted three appraisals. Appraisal #1 estimates the subject property had a market value of \$450,000 as of March 26, 2012 and contains 3,493 square feet of living area. Appraisal #2 estimates the subject had a market value of \$425,000 as of April 1, 2010 and contains 3,287 square feet of living area. Appraisal #3 estimates the subject had a market value of \$450,000 as of March 26, 2012 and contains 3,397 square feet of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$45,000. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$450,000 when using the 10% level of assessment as determined by the Cook County Real Property Classification Ordinance.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted four sale comparables.

In rebuttal, the appellant stated that the size of the subject is incorrect. The appellant states that the subject's size is from 3,300 to 3,400 square feet of living area. In support, the appellant submitted photographs of the subject's finished and unfinished rooms.

At hearing the appellant reviewed the evidence previously submitted. In addition, the appellant submitted into evidence a timeline of her tax appeal proceedings from July 2015 to February 24, 2016. The timeline was entered into evidence as Exhibit "A" with no objection from the board of review. The appellant also submitted five additional color photographs of the subject's unfinished areas. Photographs were admitted into evidence as Exhibit "B" with no objection from the board of review.

The board of review at hearing reviewed the evidence previously submitted and stated that only the Cook County Assessor can change the subject's size. The board of review affirmed that the subject's assessed value is supported by the subject's appraisals and that a change in the subject's size would not change the assessed value.

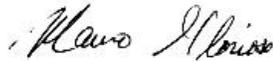
Conclusion of Law

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 that the subject contains 3,397 square feet of living area. In support, the appellant submitted an appraisal dated March 26, 2012 which included a floorplan sketch and outlined each room's size totaling 3,397 square feet of living area.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the 2012 appraisal submitted by the appellant. The Board finds the subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$450,000, which is equal to the best evidence of market value in the record. The Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$450,000 as of the assessment date at issue. Since market value equals the subject's assessed value, a reduction in the assessed value is not justified.

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(b) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(b)) 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



Acting 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: January 16, 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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