



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

APPELLANT: Irving Barr
DOCKET NO.: 15-32547.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-01-400-003-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Irving Barr, the appellant, by attorney Timothy E. Moran, of Schmidt Salzman & Moran, 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 **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: \$6,750
IMPR.: \$37,741
TOTAL: \$44,491

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 three-story mixed-use building of masonry exterior construction with 4,707 square feet of building area. The building is approximately 122 years old and has a slab foundation. The property has a 3,000 square foot site and is located in Chicago, West Chicago Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-12 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. The subject's land assessment was not contested. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on five equity comparables, one of which is located within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables were improved with three, two-story and two, three-story mixed-use buildings of masonry exterior construction that ranged in size from 4,542 to 4,724 square feet of building area. The buildings are from 85 to 107 years old with partial or

full unfinished basements. Other features had varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject. The comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$21,082 to \$33,374 or from \$4.55 to \$7.35 per square foot of building area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the improvement assessment be reduced to \$21,755 or \$4.62 per square foot of building area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$44,491. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$37,741 or \$8.02 per square foot of building area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables located within the same neighborhood code, block, subdivision and/or street as the subject property. The comparables were improved with one, two-story and three, three-story mixed-use buildings of masonry exterior construction that range in size from 4,056 to 4,440 square feet of building area. The buildings are from 117 to 126 years old and have partial or full basements, one of which has finished area. Other features had varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject. The comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$38,164 to \$40,621 or from \$9.15 to \$9.41 per square foot of building area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that the assessment be confirmed.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not less than three comparable properties showing the similarity, proximity and lack of distinguishing characteristics of the assessment comparables to the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted nine suggested comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board recognizes that all of the comparables have superior partial or full basements when compared to the subject's slab foundation. In addition, four of the appellant's comparables have considerably newer ages and three of the board of review comparables have slightly smaller dwelling sizes when compared to the subject. The appellant's comparables along with the board of review comparable #4 received less weight due to their dissimilar two-story designs and/or newer ages when compared to the subject property.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the board of review comparables #1, #2 and #3. Although these comparables are slightly smaller in dwelling size and have superior foundations, they are most similar to the subject in location, design, exterior construction, age, and most features. These comparables had improvement assessments ranging from \$38,164 to \$39,220 or either \$9.39 and \$9.41 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$37,741 or \$8.02 per square foot of living area is slightly below the range established by the most similar comparables contained in this record which is logical considering the subject's inferior foundation when compared to these comparables. Based on this record, the Board finds the appellant

did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment 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(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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