



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

APPELLANT: American Homes 4 Rent Pro
DOCKET NO.: 16-00943.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 05-06-03-118-020-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are American Homes 4 Rent Pro, the appellant, by attorney Michael R. Davies of Ryan Law LLP in Chicago; and the Will 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 **Will** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$12,450
IMPR.: \$46,000
TOTAL: \$58,450

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Will County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2016 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 dwelling of frame construction with 1,577 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2003. Features of the home include a partial basement, central air conditioning, and a two-car garage with 528 square feet of building area. The property has a 7,849 square foot site and is located in Troy Township, Will County.

The appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation. In support of this argument the appellant disclosed in Section IV – Recent Sale Data of the appeal that the property was purchased from the Sheriff of Will County in June 2014 for a price of \$131,090. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$43,697.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$58,450. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of

\$175,737 or \$111.44 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2016 three-year average median level of assessment for Will County of 33.26% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$46,000 or \$29.17 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three comparable sales improved with one-story dwellings of frame or frame and brick construction each with 1,577 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1995 to 2003. Two comparables have basements, each comparable has central air conditioning, one comparable has a fireplace and each property has a two-car attached garage with 420 square feet of building area. The sales occurred from March 2015 to June 2016 for prices ranging from \$185,000 to \$191,000 or from \$117.31 to \$121.12 per square foot of living area, including land. The comparables have total assessments ranging from \$54,400 to \$60,250 and improvement assessments ranging from \$41,950 to \$47,800 or from \$26.60 to \$30.31 per square foot of living area.

Based on this evidence the board of review requested the subject's assessment be increased to \$61,508.

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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value in the record to be the comparable sales submitted by the board of review. These comparables were relatively similar to the subject in location, style, construction, features and age. These properties also sold more proximate in time to the assessment date at issue than did the subject property. The comparables sold for prices ranging from \$185,000 to \$191,000 or from \$117.31 to \$121.12 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$175,737 or \$111.44 per square foot of living area, including land, which is below the range established by the board of review comparable sales demonstrating the subject property is not overvalued. The Board gave little weight to the subject's sale due to the fact the sale did not occur proximate in time to the assessment date at issue and the appellant failed to provide evidence demonstrating the purchase had the elements of an arm's length transaction. Additionally, the appellant disclosed the property was purchased from the Sheriff of Will County, which further calls into question the arm's length nature of the sale. Based on this record the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is not justified based on overvaluation.

The Board denies the board of review request to increase the subject's assessment as the evidence disclosed there exists a practical uniformity of assessments between the comparables presented by the board of review and the subject property. (See Apex Motor Fuel Co. v. Barrett, 20 Ill.2d 395 (1960)).

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



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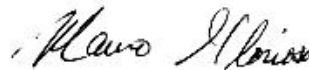
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DISSENTING: _____

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: August 20, 2019



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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