



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

APPELLANT: American Homes 4 Rent Properties Four
DOCKET NO.: 16-02869.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 06-29-405-028

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are American Homes 4 Rent Properties Four, the appellant, by Michael R. Davies, of the Law Offices of Michael R. Davies, Ltd. in Oak Lawn, and the Lake 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 **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$12,366
IMPR.: \$43,532
TOTAL: \$55,898

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Lake 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 consists of a two-story dwelling with 1,873 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1998. The property has a 7,405 square foot site and is located in Round Lake, Avon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted limited information on twelve comparable sales located in Round Lake. The comparables were built between 1973 and 1998 and range in size from 1,644 to 2,077 square feet of living area. The comparables sold between December 2012 and October 2015 for prices ranging from \$125,000 to \$171,000, including land.

The appellant also submitted a copy of the decision of the board of review disclosing the subject property had a total assessment of \$59,471 reflecting a market value of \$179,346, including land,

when using the 2016 three-year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.16% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Based on the foregoing evidence, the appellant requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$41,667 which would reflect a market value of approximately \$125,654, including land.

The board of review did not submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" nor any evidence in support of its assessed valuation of the subject property and was found to be in default by a letter dated October 25, 2018.

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 comparable sales submitted by the appellant. The Board has given reduced weight to the four comparable sales that occurred in 2012 and 2013 as the sales are remote in time to the assessment date at issue of January 1, 2016 and therefore are less likely to be indicative of market value as of the assessment date. The Board has also given reduced weight to four of the comparables that differ in dwelling size and/or age when compared to the subject dwelling.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value in the record to be four comparable sales of dwellings that were built between 1994 and 1998. These four comparables range in size from 1,713 to 2,032 square feet of living area and thus bracket the subject's size. These comparables sold between October 2014 and October 2015 for prices ranging from \$161,500 to \$170,000 or from \$82.68 to \$94.17 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$179,346 or \$95.75 per square foot of living area, including land, which is above the best comparable sales in the record.

The board of review did not submit any evidence in support of its assessment of the subject property as required by section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board and is found 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).

The Property Tax Appeal Board has examined the evidence submitted by the appellant and finds that a reduction in the assessed valuation of the subject property is warranted.

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: April 23, 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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