



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

APPELLANT: American Homes 4 Rent Properties Ten LLC  
DOCKET NO.: 16-03058.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 06-28-413-015

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are American Homes 4 Rent Properties Ten LLC, the appellant, by attorney 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 **No Change** 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:** \$10,046  
**IMPR.:** \$41,687  
**TOTAL:** \$51,733

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 of vinyl siding exterior construction with 1,350 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2000. Features include a partial unfinished basement, a 500 square foot lower level, central air conditioning and a 420-square foot garage. The subject property has a 4,425-square foot site. The subject property is located in Avon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted limited descriptive information for 13 comparable sales.<sup>1</sup> However, comparable #1 was the sale of the subject property. The appellant's attorney failed to disclose each of the comparables' specific story height, exterior construction, foundation type or features

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<sup>1</sup> The Board requested the appellant complete the grid analysis in Section V of the appeal petition. The appellant's attorney failed to comply with the Board's request.

such as central air conditioning, fireplaces or garages. The comparables sold from December 2002 to March 2015 for prices ranging from \$35,500 to \$155,000 or from \$27.58 to \$123.92 per square foot of living area including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$51,733. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$156,010 or \$115.56 per square foot of living area including land when applying the 2016 three-year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.16%.

In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted a detailed descriptive analysis of four comparable sales located from .034 to .101 of a mile from the subject. One comparable was also used by the appellant. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of vinyl siding exterior construction that were built in 2000 or 2001. The dwellings contain 1,350 square feet of living area and are situated on sites that range in size from 4,227 to 4,689 square feet of land area. The comparables have partial basements, two of which contain finished area; central air conditioning; three comparables have a fireplace; and each comparable has a garage that contains 420 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from March 2015 to May 2016 for prices ranging from \$155,000 to \$210,000 or from \$114.81 to \$155.56 per square foot of living area including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **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 no reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The record contains 15 comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the comparables submitted by the appellant. Eleven of the comparables sold from 2002 to 2014, which are dated and less indicative of market value as of the subject's January 1, 2016 assessment date. Four comparables are older in age than the subject. Moreover, the appellant's attorney failed to provide any specifics regarding the comparables' story height, exterior construction, foundation type or features such as central air conditioning, fireplaces or garages for comparative analysis, which further detracts from the weight of the evidence. The Board finds that the board of review comparables sold more proximate in time to the subject's assessment date and are more similar to the subject in location, land area, design, age, dwelling size and features. They sold from March 2015 to May 2016 for prices ranging from \$155,000 to \$210,000 or from \$114.81 to \$155.56 per square foot of living area including land. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$156,010 or \$115.56 per square foot of living area including land, which falls with the range established by the most similar comparable sales contained in this record. Based on this analysis, the Board finds no reduction in the subject's assessment 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



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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: October 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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