



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

APPELLANT: Amer Homes 4 & Rent Prop  
DOCKET NO.: 16-05417.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 18-23-329-003

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

**LAND:** \$ 5,149  
**IMPR.:** \$60,064  
**TOTAL:** \$65,213

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the McHenry 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 frame exterior construction that has 1,594 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1995. Features include an unfinished basement and a 430-square foot attached garage. The subject has a 7,230-square foot site. The subject property is located in Grafton Township, McHenry County.

The appellant submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of the overvaluation claim, the appellant submitted limited descriptive information for seven comparable properties that were located from .06 to .24 of a mile from the subject.<sup>1</sup> The comparables were reported to consist of one-story dwellings that were built from 1995 to 1999. The comparables were reported have three bedrooms. The

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

appellant's attorney failed to disclose the comparables' exterior construction, foundation type or features such as central air conditioning, fireplaces or garages. The dwellings range in size from 1,334 to 1,900 square feet of living area and have sites that range in size from 5,500 to 16,184 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from January 2013 to August 2014 for prices ranging from \$125,500 to \$187,500 or from \$94.08 to \$107.94 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 \$65,213. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$195,894 or \$122.89 per square foot of living area including land when applying the 2016 three-year average median level of assessment for McHenry County of 33.29%.

In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted a detailed grid analysis identifying four comparable sales. The evidence was prepared by the township assessor. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of frame exterior construction that were built in 1994 or 1995. Features include unfinished basements and garages that contain 426 or 427 square feet of building area. Comparable #2 has a fireplace and comparable #4 has an "English" basement. The dwellings range in size from 1,440 to 1,789 square feet of living area and are situated on "Standard, External or Superior" lots. The comparables sold from December 2015 to June 2016 for prices ranging from \$207,000 to \$236,000 or from \$117.38 to \$146.53 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 11 comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to seven comparables submitted by the appellant. Notwithstanding the lack of descriptive information of the comparables in terms of exterior construction, foundation type or features such as central air conditioning, fireplaces or garages, all the comparables were reported to be dissimilar one-story dwellings when compared to the subject's two-story design. In addition, the comparables sold in 2013 or 2014, which are dated and less indicative of market value as of the subject's January 1, 2016 assessment date. The Board finds the comparables submitted by the board of review are more similar when compared to the subject in location, design, exterior construction, age, dwelling size and features. They sold from December 2015 to June 2016 for prices ranging from \$207,000 to \$236,000 or from \$117.38 to \$146.53 per square foot of living area including land. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$195,894 or \$122.89 per square foot of living area including land, which falls below the range established by the most similar comparable sales contained in the record on an overall total basis and within the range on a per square foot basis. After considering adjustments to the comparables for any

differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is supported. Therefore, 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.

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Chairman



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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: June 18, 2019



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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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