



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

APPELLANT: American Homes 4Rent
DOCKET NO.: 16-05938.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 03-05-100-209

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

LAND: \$18,860
IMPR.: \$66,040
TOTAL: \$84,900

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the DuPage 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 brick and frame construction with 1,800 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1999. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement, central air conditioning and a 400 square foot garage. The property has approximately 1,800 square feet of land area and is located in Itasca, Addison Township, DuPage County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales that sold from June 2016 to January 2017 for prices ranging from \$141,000 to \$240,000. The appellant provided little descriptive information about the purported comparable sales or the subject property for comparison. The appellant requested the assessment be reduced to \$33,333.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$84,900. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$255,032 or \$141.68 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2016 three-year average median level of assessment for DuPage County of 33.29% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on six comparable sales. The comparables were similar dwellings of brick and frame construction that range in size from 1,628 to 1,850 square feet of living area. The homes were built in 1999. Features include full basements, two of which are finished, central air conditioning and a 400 square foot garage. The comparables had sale dates occurring from November 2014 to October 2015 for prices ranging from \$257,500 to \$303,500 or from \$143.06 to \$165.23 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

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 parties submitted a total of nine comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparables due to their differences in location and/or features, when compared to the subject. In addition, the appellant's comparable sale #2 occurred greater than 12 months subsequent to the January 1, 2016 assessment date. The Board also gave less weight to the board of review's comparable sale #1, due to its sale date occurring greater than 13 months prior to the assessment date at issue. The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the board of review's comparable sales #2 through #6. These comparables were most similar to the subject in location, style, size, age and features. These sales also occurred most proximate in time to the assessment date at issue. The best comparables sold from April to October 2015 for prices ranging from \$269,000 to \$303,500 or from \$147.57 to \$165.23 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$255,032 or \$141.68 per square foot of living area, including land, which is below the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence the Board finds 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: October 15, 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.

PARTIES OF RECORD

AGENCY

State of Illinois
Property Tax Appeal Board
William G. Stratton Building, Room 402
401 South Spring Street
Springfield, IL 62706-4001

APPELLANT

American Homes 4Rent, by attorney:
Michael R. Davies
Ryan Law LLP
311 South Wacker Drive
Mailbox #29
Chicago, IL 60606

COUNTY

DuPage County Board of Review
DuPage Center
421 N. County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187