

# FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Kailash & Harshad Patel

DOCKET NO.: 17-06545.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 08-28-101-040

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Kailash & Harshad Patel, the appellants, by attorney Thomas J. Thorson, of Raila & Associates, P.C. 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 <u>a reduction</u> 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:** \$73,960 **IMPR.:** \$178,443 **TOTAL:** \$252,403

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

## **Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellants timely filed the appeal from a 2016 Final Administrative Decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) in order to challenge the assessment for the 2017 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 an owner-occupied two-story dwelling with approximately 4,108 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1994. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement. The property has a 20,139 square foot site and is located in Naperville, Lisle Township, DuPage County.

The appellants contend the assessment of the subject property as established by the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board for the 2016 tax year should be carried forward to the 2017 tax year pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code. (35 ILCS 200/16-185). The appellants disclosed that the subject property is an owner-occupied residence that was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board the prior year under Docket Number 16-06542.001-R-1. In that appeal the Property Tax Appeal Board issued a decision lowering the assessment of the subject property to \$243,280 based on an agreement of the parties. The Board

takes judicial notice that tax years 2016 and 2017 are within the same general assessment period in DuPage County. (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.90(i) & 35 ILCS 200/9-215).

The board of review did not submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" or any evidence in support of its assessed valuation of the subject property or to refute the appellants' argument as required by Section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board and was found to be in default by a letter issued on February 13, 2020.

As part of the appeal petition, the appellants reported that the subject property for 2017 had a total assessment of \$262,010.

Based on publicly available records, the Property Tax Appeal Board takes notice that a township equalization factor of 1.0375 was applied in Lisle Township to non-farm properties in 2017. (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.90(i) & https://www.dupageco.org/SOA/1472/)

## **Conclusion of Law**

The appellants raised a contention of law asserting that the assessment of the subject property as established by the Property Tax Appeal Board for the 2016 tax year should be carried forward to the 2017 tax year pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code. (35 ILCS 200/16-185). When a contention of law is raised the burden of proof is a preponderance of the evidence. (See 5 ILCS 100/10-15). The Board finds the appellants met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The subject property was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board the prior year under Docket Number 16-06542.001-R-1. In that appeal the Property Tax Appeal Board rendered a decision lowering the assessment of the subject property to \$243,280 based on the agreement of the parties.

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) provides in part:

If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel on which a residence occupied by the owner is situated, such reduced assessment, **subject to equalization**, shall remain in effect for the remainder of the general assessment period as provided in Sections 9-215 through 9-225, unless that parcel is subsequently sold in an arm's length transaction establishing a fair cash value for the parcel that is different from the fair cash value on which the Board's assessment is based, or unless the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board is reversed or modified upon review.

(Emphasis added.) The Property Tax Appeal Board takes judicial notice that DuPage County issued a 2017 township equalization factor of 1.0375 in Lisle Township. (See 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.90(i); see also https://www.dupageco.org/SOA/1472/)

The Board further finds that the prior year's decision should be carried forward to the subsequent year subject only to any equalization factor applied to that year's assessments. The record further indicates that the subject property is an owner-occupied dwelling and that the 2016 and the 2017

tax years are within the same general assessment period in DuPage County. This finding is pursuant to section 16-185 of the Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185). The record contains no evidence indicating the subject property sold in an arm's length transaction subsequent to the Board's decision for the 2016 tax year or that the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board for the 2016 tax year was reversed or modified upon review. For these reasons, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted to reflect the Board's prior year's finding plus the application of the equalization factor of 1.0375.

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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### **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:	December 15, 2020
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## 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 <u>PETITION AND EVIDENCE</u> 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

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