

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Blue Chair Capital, LLC

DOCKET NO.: 17-32080.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 16-14-110-035-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Blue Chair Capital, LLC, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld and Associates, LLC in Chicago, and the Cook 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 **Cook** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$3,937 **IMPR.:** \$16,524 **TOTAL:** \$20,461

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Cook County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging 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 a two-story, multi-family building of masonry exterior construction with 3,393 square feet of building area. The building is approximately 104 years old. Features include a full basement with an apartment. The property has a 3,750 square foot site and is located in Chicago, West Chicago Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-11 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on three comparables that have the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are described as class 2-11, multi-family buildings of masonry exterior construction that range in size from 3,216 to 3,755 square feet of building area. The buildings are 109 or 117 years old. The comparables

have full basements, two of which have an apartment. Two comparables have each have a 1.5-car or a 2-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$11,220 to \$12,298 or from \$3.05 to \$3.54 per square foot of building area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$11,163 or \$3.29 per square foot of building area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment of \$20,461. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$16,524 or \$4.87 per square foot of building area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables located within the same neighborhood code and block as the subject. One comparable is located on same street as the subject. The comparables are described as class 2-11, two-story multi-family buildings of masonry exterior construction that range in size from 2,700 to 2,904 square feet of building area. The buildings are 102 or 104 years old. The comparables have full basements, one of which has a formal recreation room. One comparable has a fireplace. Three comparables each have a one-car or a two-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$14,304 to \$19,090 or from \$5.16 to \$6.65 per square foot of building area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not less than three comparable properties showing the similarity, proximity and lack of distinguishing characteristics of the assessment comparables to the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The record contains seven equity comparables for the Board's consideration that vary in location, age, and dwelling size when compared to the subject. The appellant's comparables are more similar in dwelling size to the subject while the board of review comparables are more similar in age and location as they are on the same block and/or street as the subject. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$11,220 to \$19,090 or from \$3.05 to \$6.65 per square foot of building area. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$16,524 or \$4.87 per square foot of building area, which falls within the range established by the comparables in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's improvement appears to be equitably assessed and 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.

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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.

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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 <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.

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