

# FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: CTLTC 008002368466

DOCKETNO.: 17-41478.001-R-1 through 17-41478.002-R-1

PARCEL NO.: See Below

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are CTLTC 008002368466, the appellant, by attorney Jeffrey G. Hertz, of Sarnoff & Baccash 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:

DOCKET NO	PARCEL NUMBER	LAND	<b>IMPRVMT</b>	TOTAL
17-41478.001-R-1	14-32-228-014-0000	\$28,125	\$102,637	\$130,762
17-41478.002-R-1	14-32-228-015-0000	\$28,125	\$25,659	\$53,784

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 dwelling of masonry exterior construction with 3,760 square feet of living area which is constructed on two parcels. The dwelling is approximately one year old. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a 2-car garage. The property has a 6,250 square foot site and is located in Chicago, North Chicago Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-78 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 four equity comparables located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved with either two-story or three-story class 2-78 dwellings of masonry exterior construction that range in size from 3,627 to 3,764 square feet of living area. The homes

range in age from 1 to 24 years old. Each comparable has a finished basement, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a 2-car or a 3-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$89,524 to \$104,080 or from \$24.35 to \$27.87 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$98,136 or \$26.10 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" for parcel number 14-32-228-014-0000 and no information was provided for the subject's second parcel number 14-32-228-015-0000.

The appellant submitted the board of review's final decision disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$184,546. Based on information provided by the appellant in the Addendum to Petition, the Board has determined that the subject property's two parcels have improvement assessments that total \$128,296 or \$34.12 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved with three-story class 2-78 dwellings of masonry exterior construction that range in size from 3,604 to 3,780 square feet of living area. The homes are either 1 year or 10 years old. Each comparable has a finished basement, central air conditioning and a 2-car garage. Three comparables each have either one or two fireplaces. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$127,205 to \$221,054 or from \$34.12 to \$58.48 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

## **Conclusion of Law**

The taxpayer 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 parties submitted eight equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparables #1 and #4 along with board of review comparable #2 which are older dwellings when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the remaining comparables which are generally similar to the subject in location, age, dwelling size and most features. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$89,524 to \$221,054 or from \$24.68 to \$58.48 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$128,296 or \$34.12 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing

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evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably 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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# <u>CERTIFICATION</u>

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:	July 20, 2021
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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.

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# PARTIES OF RECORD

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