



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

APPELLANT: Yuan Mo  
DOCKET NO.: 17-42561.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-36-314-052-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Yuan Mo, the appellant, by attorney George N. Reveliotis, of Reveliotis Law, P.C. in Park Ridge, and the Cook County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds **A Reduction** 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:** \$ 6,657  
**IMPR.:** \$ 9,855  
**TOTAL:** \$16,512

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 an approximately 47-year-old, one-story dwelling of masonry exterior construction with 1,376 square feet of living area. Features of the home include a full basement with a recreation room, central air conditioning and a two-car garage. The property has a 3,916 square foot site and is located in Chicago, South Chicago Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-03 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales improved with class 2-03 properties of masonry or frame and masonry exterior construction. The dwellings range in size from 1,040 to 1,728 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 16 to 112 years old and each comparable has a full unfinished basement. The comparables sold from July 2015 to May 2017

for prices ranging from \$120,000 to \$210,000 or from \$100.32 to \$125.82 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on these sales the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$15,332.

The subject's address and the appellant's mailing address are the same suggesting the property is owner occupied. Additionally, the subject property received a homestead exemption in 2017, further indicating the property was owner occupied.<sup>1</sup> The Property Tax Appeal Board also takes judicial notice that the subject property was the subject matter of an appeal before the Board the prior year under Docket No. 16-40818.001-R-1. In that appeal the Property Tax Appeal Board issued a decision lowering the assessment of the subject property to \$16,512 based on the evidence submitted by the parties.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$19,715. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$197,150 or \$143.28 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance level of assessment for class 2-03 property of 10%. The board of review indicated that 2015 was the beginning of the general assessment cycle for the subject property.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales, one of which was located within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables were improved with similar class 2-03 one-story dwellings of masonry exterior construction. The comparables range in size from 1,017 to 1,104 square feet of living area and range in age from 54 to 65 years old. Each comparable has a full basement, two of which have formal recreation rooms. Three comparables have central air conditioning and one comparable has a fireplace. Each property has a two-car garage. The comparables sold from September to December 2015 for prices ranging from \$202,000 to \$230,000 or from \$182.97 to \$216.32 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 a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that the assessment as established by the Board for the 2016 tax year should be carried forward to the 2017 tax year subject only to equalization as provided by section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code.

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

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.cookcountypropertyinfo.com/pinresults.aspx> for PIN 16-36-314-052-0000.

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.

The Property Tax Appeal Board finds the Board issued a decision reducing the subject's assessment for the 2016 tax year. The record further indicates that the subject property is an owner-occupied dwelling and that 2016 and 2017 are within the same general assessment period. The record contains no evidence indicating the subject property sold in an arm's length transaction after the Board's decision or that the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board has been 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 assessment as established in the Board's prior year's decision plus the application of an equalization factor, if any.

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: April 20, 2021



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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