

# FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: 2634 North Racine Condo. Assn.

DOCKET NO.: 18-28405.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 14-29-310-049-1004

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are 2634 North Racine Condo. Assn., the appellant(s), by attorney Ciarra Schmidt, of Schmidt Salzman & Moran, Ltd. 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:** \$8,370 **IMPR.:** \$54,219 **TOTAL:** \$62,589

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 2018 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 one unit in a four-unit condominium building. The building is 19 years old and is located on a 4,650 square foot site in Lake View Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-99 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 sale prices of three units in the condominium building. The three units sold form June 2015 to August 2017 for prices ranging from \$608,000 to \$640,000. The appellant calculated the total assessment of each unit using an adjusted assessment value of 8.23%, a deduction of 10% for personal property, and requested an assessment value of \$47,639.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessed value of the subject property as \$62,589. The board of review submitted a "Condominium Analysis Results for 2018" report depicting a market value of \$2,503,569 and an assessed value of \$250,357 for the entire condominium building based on the sale of three sale comparables and after applying a 5% adjustment factor and the 2018 statutory level of assessment for class 2 property of 10.00% under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

#### **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 decisions of the Property Tax Appeal Board will be based on equity and the weight of the evidence. In Cook County, for residential property of six units or less currently designated as Class 2 real estate according to the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance, as amended, when sufficient probative evidence indicating the estimate of full market value of the subject property on the relevant assessment date is presented, the Board may consider evidence of the appropriate level of assessment for PTAB. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(c).

Regarding the personal property, neither party submitted evidence that personal property was included in the sale. Additionally, the Board finds that it is not authorized to apply an assessment level to the subject property other than the 10% assessment level found in the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance. The Board finds that this rule requires annual sales ratio studies from the previous three years, and that the appellant's sales ratio evidence is only for tax year 2017. Even were the Board to consider the appellant's sales ratio evidence, the Board notes that the application of this rule is discretionary, and that the appellant's evidence was for tax year 2017 while the instant tax year is 2018.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the undisputed sales prices and percentage ownership submitted by both parties. Based on this record, the Board finds that the subject property's current assessed value is below the market value of the sale comparables without personal property deductions and at a 10% level of assessment. Accordingly, the appellant did not prove by preponderance of the evidence that the subject property was over valuated and a reduction in the subject's assessment to the appellant's request 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.

Date:	February 21, 2023
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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.

# PARTIES OF RECORD

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