



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

APPELLANT: East Forest Equity, LLC
DOCKET NO.: 18-28631.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-19-207-003-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are East Forest Equity, 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 **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: \$17,500
IMPR.: \$39,543
TOTAL: \$57,043

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 a two-story, multi-family building of frame exterior construction with 2,224 square feet of building area. The building is approximately 125 years old. Features of the building include a full unfinished basement. The property has a 3,125 square foot site located in Chicago, Lake View 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 four equity comparables that are located within the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved with class 2-11 buildings of frame exterior construction ranging in size from 2,036 to 2,772 square feet of building area. The buildings range in age from 110 to 124 years old and have full unfinished basements. Two comparables each have a two-car

garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$35,864 to \$48,984 or from \$17.61 to \$18.16 per square foot of building area.

The appellant submitted a copy of the 2018 final decision issued by the Cook County Board of Review disclosing a total assessment for the subject of \$76,932. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$59,432 or \$26.72 per square foot of building area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$39,543 or \$17.78 per square foot of building area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" for a different parcel than the subject property under appeal. However, the board of review submitted information on three equity comparables for class 2-11 properties that are located within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are improved with two-story buildings of frame exterior construction ranging in size from 2,362 to 2,560 square feet of building area. The buildings are 125 or 130 years old and have full basements with one finished as an apartment. One comparable has central air conditioning. Each comparable has a two-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$31,328 to \$51,379 or from \$13.26 to \$20.07 per square foot of building area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted seven suggested comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparable #3 due to its larger building size and the board of review comparable #2 due to its basement apartment when compared to the subject, which has a full unfinished basement.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the parties' remaining comparables. These five comparables are most similar in overall property characteristics to the subject, except the subject lacks a garage, unlike four of these comparables. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$35,864 to \$51,379 or from \$17.61 to \$20.07 per square foot of building area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$59,432 or \$26.72 per square foot of building area falls above the range established by the most similar comparables in this record. Additionally, the subject's improvement assessment falls above the appellant's comparable #4 of \$41,185 or \$18.16 per square foot of building area which is the best comparable in this record that is nearly identical in most property characteristics to the subject. After considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's improvement assessment is excessive. Based on this

record, the Board finds the appellant demonstrated with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment commensurate with the appellant's request is 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.



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: September 21, 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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