



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

APPELLANT: Katharine O'Connor
DOCKET NO.: 18-37759.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 13-13-229-014-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Katharine O'Connor, the appellant, by attorney Anthony M. Farace, of Amari & Locallo 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: \$9,649
IMPR.: \$58,656
TOTAL: \$68,305

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 residence of masonry construction with 2,444 square feet of living area. The dwelling was 95 years old. Features of the home include a full, unfinished basement, and a two-car garage. The property has a 4,021 square foot site and is located in Chicago, Jefferson Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-11 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant asserts assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on 24 equity comparables.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" which states that the total assessment for the subject property is \$91,933, and that it has an improvement assessment of

\$82,284 or \$33.67 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on three equity comparables.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer asserts 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 Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be *the board of review's comparables one, two, and three and the appellant's comparables one, three, four, six, seven, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, twenty, twenty-two, and twenty-four*. Like the subject property, these comparables have multi-family residences with garages. One of these comparables has a one-car garage, and the others have two-car garages, like the subject. Most of these comparables also have full, unfinished basements like the subject. The living areas of these comparables are similar to the living area of the subject. These comparables are all in the same neighborhood as the subject.

These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$15.20 to \$27.36 per square foot of living area. The Board gives greater weight to the comparables submitted by the board of review because of their proximity to the subject. The improvement assessments of those three comparables ranged from \$26.22 to \$27.36 per square foot. The subject's improvement assessment of \$33.67 per square foot of living area falls well above the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record the Board finds the appellant *did* demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed, and a reduction in the subject's assessment *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:

May 17, 2022



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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