

# FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Rohan Sundaralingan DOCKET NO.: 18-38216.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 13-22-431-013-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Rohan Sundaralingan, 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 *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:** \$6,000 **IMPR.:** \$21,783 **TOTAL:** \$27,783

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 1,744 square feet of building area. The building is approximately 99 years old, has a finished basement, and a 2.5-car garage. The property has a 3,750 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 contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales located within the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved with class 2-11, multi-family buildings of frame or masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,866 to 2,330 square feet of building area and in in age from 91 to 102 years old. Three comparables each have an unfinished basement, and one comparable has a concrete slab foundation. Each comparable has

either a 1-car or a 2-car garage. The comparables have from 3,300 to 4,199 square foot sites and sold from January 2016 to February 2018 for prices ranging from \$205,000 to \$330,000 or from \$109.86 to \$151.10 per square foot of building area, land included.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$22,565, which reflects a market value of \$225,650 or \$129.39 per square foot of building area, land included, when applying the level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$27,783, which reflects a market value of \$277,830 or \$159.31 per square foot of building area, land included, when applying the level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10%.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales located within the same neighborhood code as the subject property or within ¼ of a mile of the subject property. The comparables are improved with class 2-11, two-story, multi-family buildings of frame exterior construction ranging in size from 1,636 to 1,810 square feet of building area. The buildings range in age from 99 to 108 years old. Three comparables have basements, one of which has finished area, and one comparable has a concrete slab foundation. Three comparables have either a 1-car or a 2-car garage. The comparables have from 2,625 to 3,750 square foot sites and sold from October 2016 to January 2018 for prices ranging from \$280,000 to \$335,000 or from \$160.55 to \$187.04 per square foot of building area, land included. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that the subject's assessment be confirmed.

### **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 parties submitted a total of eight comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparable sales #1, #2, and #4 as well as the board of review comparable sale #4 due to their larger building sizes and/or sales that occurred in 2016 which are dated and less likely to reflect the subject's market value as of the January 1, 2018 assessment date at issue for the subject property.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the parties' remaining comparable sales. These comparables are similar to the subject in building size, age, and also sold more proximate in time to the January 1, 2018 assessment date. These four comparables sold from May 2017 to February 2018 for prices ranging from \$205,000 to \$335,000 or from \$109.86 to \$185.08 per square foot of building area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$277,830 or \$159.31 per square foot of building area, including land, which falls within the

range established by the best comparable sales in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparable sales for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds no reduction in the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is warranted.

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.

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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.

# PARTIES OF RECORD

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