



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

APPELLANT: Chris Fischer  
DOCKET NO.: 18-42538.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 32-03-413-036-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Chris Fischer, the appellant, by attorney Peter D. Verros of Verros Berkshire in Oakbrook Terrace; 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:** \$2,706  
**IMPR.:** \$20,729  
**TOTAL:** \$23,435

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 2-story multi-family building of masonry exterior construction with 3,826 square feet of building area. The building is approximately 44 years old and features an unfinished partial basement. The property has a 9,840 square foot site and is located in Glenwood, Bloom 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 a grid analysis and property characteristic printouts of the subject and four comparable properties that are each located in Chicago Heights and from 4.8 to 5.7 miles from the subject property. The comparables are improved with class 2-11, 2-story multi-family buildings of frame, masonry or frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 3,612 to 3,965 square feet of building area.

The buildings are 94 to 135 years old. Two buildings have concrete slab foundations and two buildings have unfinished basements. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$9,468 to \$11,823 or from \$2.62 to \$2.98 per square foot of building area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$10,675 or \$2.79 per square foot of building area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$23,435. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$20,729 or \$5.42 per square foot of building area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted a grid analysis and photographs of the subject and three comparable properties located in Glenwood, two of which are located within the same assessment neighborhood code and either in the same block or within .25 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with class 2-11, 1.5-story or 2-story multi-family buildings of frame or masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,716 to 3,826 square feet of building area. The buildings are 40 to 73 years old. Each comparable has an unfinished basement. Comparable #2 has a 2.5-car garage. Comparable #3 has central air conditioning. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$9,415 to \$20,723 or for \$5.42 and \$7.19 per square foot of building area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The record contains seven suggested equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board finds the appellant's comparables are located more than 4 miles away from the subject property in a different city and the buildings are considerably older in age, when compared to the subject, whereas two of the board of review comparables have considerably smaller building sizes, one of which is also older in age, when compared to the subject. Nevertheless, the comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$9,468 to \$20,723 or from \$2.62 to \$7.19 per square foot of building area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$20,729 or \$5.42 per square foot of building area is slightly above the overall improvement range established by the comparables in the record but within the range on a square foot basis. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment 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.



Chairman



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: February 21, 2023



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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