



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

APPELLANT: James Corgel  
DOCKET NO.: 18-43666.001-R-1 through 18-43666.002-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: See Below

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are James Corgel, 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 **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:

<b>DOCKET NO</b>	<b>PARCEL NUMBER</b>	<b>LAND</b>	<b>IMPRVMT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
18-43666.001-R-1	14-32-215-008-0000	33,000	92,335	\$125,335
18-43666.002-R-1	14-32-215-007-0000	8,250	0	\$8,250

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 two parcels. Parcel #1 is improved with a two-story dwelling of masonry exterior construction with 2,267 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 126 years old. Features of the home include a partial basement with finished area, central air conditioning and two fireplaces. Parcel #2 has a land assessment with no improvement assessment to the property. The subject's two parcels are located in Chicago, North Chicago Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-06 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant submitted a copy of the final decision of the Cook County Board of Review dated May 3, 2019 for the 2018 assessment year concerning the two parcels which depicts assessments of \$125,335 for Parcel #1 (PIN 04-32-215-008-0000) and \$8,250 for Parcel #2 (PIN 14-32-215-007-0000). The subject's two parcels have a combined total assessment of \$133,585. The

attorney for the appellant submitted its "Residential Appeal" with a "Comparable Sales/Assessment Grid Analysis", "Addendum to Petition" showing a separate listing of each individual parcel's land and improvement assessments, and a supplemental "Brief" from the appellant's attorney.

The appellant contends improvement assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal for Parcel #1 and did not contest the land assessments for either of the subject's two parcels. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables that are located within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are improved with similar class code 2-06 dwellings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 2,515 to 2,966 square feet of living area. The dwellings are either 130 or 135 years old. The comparables have full basements, two of which have finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a one-car or a two-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$71,600 to \$103,958 or from \$28.47 to \$35.58 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's improvement assessment for Parcel #2 be reduced to \$73.428 or \$32.39 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for Parcel #1 of \$125,335. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$92,335 or \$40.73 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables that are located within the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 2,374 to 2,485 square feet of living area. The dwellings are either 130 to 134 years old. Each comparable has a full basement, two of which have finished area. One comparable has central air conditioning and one fireplace. Three comparables have either a 2-car or a 2.5-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$100,236 to \$106,755 or from \$41.80 to \$43.26 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested 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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted seven suggested comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparables due to their larger dwelling sizes when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the board of review's comparables as they are similar to the subject in location, design, exterior construction, age, dwelling size and

features; except three comparables have garages which the subject lacks suggesting downward adjustments may be necessary to make them more equivalent to the subject. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$100,236 to \$106,755 or from \$41.80 to \$43.26 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$92,335 or \$40.73 per square foot of living area falls below the range established by the best comparables in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences to 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 improvement assessment based on inequity is not 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.



Chairman



Member



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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 18, 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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