



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

APPELLANT: Renee Devedjian  
DOCKET NO.: 19-05946.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-28-312-043

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Renee Devedjian, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld of Robert H. Rosenfeld and Associates, LLC in Chicago, and the Lake 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 **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$42,130  
**IMPR.:** \$248,614  
**TOTAL:** \$290,744

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Lake County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2019 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 dwelling with a brick and wood siding exterior containing 2,712 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 2009 and is approximately 10 years old. Features of the home include a full basement that is partially finished with a recreation room, central air conditioning, one fireplace and an attached two-car garage with 462 square feet of building area. The property has a site with approximately 8,250 square feet of land area and is located in Deerfield, West Deerfield Township, Lake County.

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 improved with two-story dwellings of wood siding or brick exteriors ranging in size from 3,024 to 3,334 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 14 to 17 years old. Each comparable has a full basement with one having finished area, central air

conditioning, one or two fireplaces, and an attached garage ranging in size from 420 to 528 square feet of building area. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$212,108 to \$255,818 or from \$63.62 to \$82.23 per square foot of living area. The appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$208,078 or \$76.72 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$290,744. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$248,614 or \$91.67 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 improved with two-story dwellings of brick and wood siding exteriors ranging in size from 2,945 to 2,973 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 2005 and 2007. Each comparable has a full basement with two having finished areas, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and an attached garage ranging in size from 400 to 462 square feet of building area. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$250,418 to \$273,476 or from \$84.23 to \$92.17 per square foot of living area.

### **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 comparables submitted by the parties to support their respective positions. Each comparable contains a dwelling that is larger and slightly older than the subject dwelling. All other things being equal, a smaller dwelling should have a higher improvement assessment on a per square foot basis in comparison to a larger dwelling due to economies of scale. The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the board of review comparables as these properties are improved with dwellings slightly more similar to the subject dwelling in age and size than are the comparables provided by the appellant. The board of review comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$250,418 to \$273,476 or from \$84.23 to \$92.17 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$248,614 or \$91.67 per square foot of living area falls below the overall range but within the range on a per square foot basis as established by the best comparables in this record and justified considering differences in dwelling size. Less weight was given the appellant's comparables due to differences from the subject dwelling in size and age. Based on this record 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



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 15, 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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