



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

APPELLANT: Chris McDuffie  
DOCKET NO.: 19-22043.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 11-19-311-003-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Chris McDuffie, the appellant(s), by attorney Steven Kandelman, of Rieff Schramm Kanter & Guttman 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:** \$13,312  
**IMPR.:** \$44,112  
**TOTAL:** \$57,424

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 2019 tax year. The Property Tax Appeal Board (the "Board") finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal.

**Findings of Fact**

The subject property consists of a two-story single-family dwelling of frame construction with 1,780 square feet of living area. The dwelling was 147 years of age. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement, one full bathroom, and one-half bathroom. The property has an 8,320 square foot site and is located in Evanston, Evanston Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-05 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. The appellant submitted a brief and information on five equity comparables in support of the argument that the subject is inequitably assessed. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's total assessment to \$56,744.

The board of review submitted its “Board of Review Notes on Appeal” disclosing that the total assessment for the subject is \$65,515. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$52,203 or \$29.33 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. They are located within the same subarea as the subject with three comparables located within a ¼ mile of the subject. The improvements were between 126 and 151 years of age and ranged in size from 1,662 to 2,192 square feet of living area and in assessment from \$29.35 to \$35.51 per square foot.

### **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 proven 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 has met this burden of proof, and that a reduction in the subject’s assessment is warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be appellant’s equity comparables #1, #4 and #5. These equity comparables had improvement assessments ranging from \$22.31 to \$25.23 per square foot of living area. The subject’s improvement assessment of \$29.33 per square foot of living area falls above the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record, the Board finds the appellant has proven, with clear and convincing evidence, that the subject is inequitably assessed, and that a reduction in the subject’s 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.



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:

April 18, 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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