

# FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Matthew Plunkett

DOCKET NO.: 19-35347.001-R-1 through 19-35347.002-R-1

PARCEL NO.: See Below

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Matthew Plunkett, the appellant(s), by attorney George J. Relias, of Relias Law Group, Ltd. 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 <u>A Reduction</u> 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:

DOCKET NO	PARCEL NUMBER	LAND	<b>IMPRVMT</b>	TOTAL
19-35347.001-R-1	17-16-110-025-1314	576	21,554	\$22,130
19-35347.002-R-1	17-16-110-025-1421	61	2,309	\$2,370

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 finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of the appeal.

### **Findings of Fact**

The subject property consists of one condominium unit and one deeded parking space. These PINs are in an approximately 122-year-old residential condominium building. The condominium contains 824 square feet of living area. The property is located on a 48,999 square foot site and is located in Chicago, West Chicago Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-99 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 an appraisal estimating the subject property had a market value of \$245,000 as of August 6, 2019, based on the sales comparison approach or \$263,500 as of August 6, 2029, based on the income approach. As for the sales comparison approach, the appraisal contained information on five comparable sales. Four out of the five comparable sales were from within the same building as the subject property. The appraiser ultimately determined that the sales

comparison approach was the superior approach. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$24,500.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$33,016. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$330,160 when applying the 10% level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on comparable sales utilizing a condominium analysis consisting of 88 sales from the subject's condominium complex.

#### **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 *met* this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment *is* warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appraisal submitted by the appellant. That appraisal relied most heavily on the sales comparison approach, which used recent sales of five suggested comparable properties. The appraiser determined that the subject's market value was \$245,000. In contrast, the board of review's evidence consisted of unadjusted data concerning comparable properties without expert analysis. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$330,160 which is above the appraised value. The Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$245,000 as of the assessment date at issue. Since market value has been established, the 10% level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance shall apply. Based on this record the Board finds the appellant did demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that the subject's assessment was overvalued and a reduction in the subject's assessment is 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.

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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.

Date:	August 20, 2024
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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 <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.

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# PARTIES OF RECORD

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