



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

APPELLANT: Illinois Real Estate Portfolio LLC  
DOCKET NO.: 20-07274.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 06-02.0-300-025

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Illinois Real Estate Portfolio LLC, the appellant, by attorney Thomas Benedick, Attorney at Law in O'Fallon; and the St. Clair 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 **St. Clair** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$967  
**IMPR.:** \$3,033  
**TOTAL:** \$4,000

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the St. Clair County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2020 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 one-story dwelling of vinyl siding exterior construction with 968 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1958 and features central air conditioning. The property has an approximately 7,258 square foot site and is located in Cahokia, Centreville Township, St. Clair County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales located in Cahokia like the subject. The comparables have sites that range in size from 6,752 to 8,999 square feet of land area<sup>1</sup> and are improved with one-story dwellings of vinyl siding or masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 884 to 1,225 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 1953 or 1958.

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<sup>1</sup> Some property details for the appellant's comparables were found in the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) sheets submitted by the appellant.

Each dwelling has either a crawl space or concrete slab foundation. Two comparables have central air conditioning and two comparables each have either an attached or a detached garage. The properties sold from February to July 2020 for prices ranging from \$4,500 to \$9,000 or from \$4.86 to \$10.18 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$4,000 which reflects a market value of \$12,001 or \$12.40 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.

The appellant submitted the final decision issued by the board of review disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$7,191 which reflects a market value of \$22,079 or \$22.81 per square foot of living area, land included when using the 2020 three-year average median level of assessment for St. Clair County of 32.57% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The board of review did not timely submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" or any evidence in support of its assessment of the subject property as required by section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.40(a). Therefore, the board of review was found to be in default pursuant to section 1910.69(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.69(a).

### **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 only evidence of market value to be the three comparable sales submitted by the appellant. These comparables sold from February to July 2020 for prices ranging from \$4,500 to \$9,000 or from \$4.86 to \$10.18 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$18,204 or \$21.07 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls above the range established by the only comparable sales in this record. After considering appropriate adjustments to the comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment, commensurate with the request 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.



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Member



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Member



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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: July 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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