



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

APPELLANT: Harry Betley  
DOCKET NO.: 20-22493.001-R-1 through 20-22493.002-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: See Below

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Harry Betley, the appellant(s), by attorney Ellen G. Berkshire, of Verros Berkshire in Oakbrook Terrace; 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>
20-22493.001-R-1	17-08-224-005-0000	6,364	56,300	\$62,664
20-22493.002-R-1	17-08-224-006-0000	5,219	46,627	\$51,846

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 of land improved with two buildings. The improvements are approximately 137-year-old, two-story, masonry, mixed-use buildings. They contain 4,430 and 5,772 square feet of building area each. The property is located in Chicago, West Township, Cook County and is classified as a class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this, the appellant submitted four comparables. The comparables are described as masonry or unknown, mixed-use buildings. They contain from 6,402 to 9,000 square feet of building area and sold from June 2018 to September 2019 for prices ranging from \$31.11 to \$103.09 per square foot of building area. The appellant combined the subject buildings' square footage.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the assessment for one parcel. The subject's total assessment is \$114,510 with allocated assessments for each parcel/building of \$62,664 and \$51,846 which reflects market values of \$626,640 or \$108.57 per square foot of building area and \$518,460 or \$117.03 per square foot of building area.

In support of the current assessment, the board of review submitted data on four comparables. The comparables are described as two or three-story, masonry, mixed-use or multi-family buildings. They contain from 3,150 to 5,760 square feet of building area and sold from July 2017 to October 2020 for prices ranging from \$213.54 to \$253.97 per square foot of building area.

### **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 that the best comparables for each subject building to be the appellant's comparables #2, #3, and #4 and the board of review's comparables #2 and #3. These comparables sold for prices ranging from \$82.84 to \$233.67 per square foot of building area. The remaining comparables were given less weight due to differences in size or age. In comparison, the subjects' assessment reflects a market value of \$108.57 and \$117.03 per square foot of building area which are within the range of these comparables. Therefore, the Board finds the appellant failed to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the subject was overvalued, and a reduction 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:

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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