



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

APPELLANT: Paul El Zoghbi  
DOCKET NO.: 20-24056.001-R-1 through 20-24056.002-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: See Below

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Paul El Zoghbi, the appellant(s), by attorney David C. Dunkin, of Rock Fusco & Connelly, LLC 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:

<b>DOCKET NO</b>	<b>PARCEL NUMBER</b>	<b>LAND</b>	<b>IMPRVMT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
20-24056.001-R-1	17-09-112-107-1176	351	26,628	\$26,979
20-24056.002-R-1	17-09-112-107-1315	31	2,990	\$3,021

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 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 residential condominium unit and one parking space. It is contained in a 19-year-old, multi-story, 457-unit residential condominium building of masonry construction. Each unit is designated by a Property Index Number (PIN). The subject living unit is PIN 1176; the parking space is PIN 1315. PIN 1176 owns 0.3222% of the common elements; PIN 1315 owns 0.0288%. The property is situated on 32,062 square feet of land in 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's appeal is based on overvaluation. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted a settlement statement that disclosed the subject property was purchased on June 30,

2020, for \$300,000. The appellant also submitted: a real estate contract; and the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) information sheet that disclosed unit #2907 was sold for \$300,000 and a deeded garage parking space were “sold together for \$40,000 additional.” The real estate contract disclosed the sale offer of both the living unit and the parking space. The appellant provided information in Section IV–Recent Sale Data of the Residential Appeal that the subject was not transferred between related parties; was advertised and sold by a realtor; and was neither sold due to a foreclosure nor using a contract for deed. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to reflect the purchase price when applying the 2020 level of assessment of 10.00% for Class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance by allocating \$26,979 to the residential unit and \$3,021 to the parking space.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$36,766. Of this total assessment, \$33,745 was allocated to the residential unit and \$3,021 to the parking space. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$367,660 when applying the 2020 level of assessment of 10.00% 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 a condominium analysis with information on suggested comparable sales for 67 units in the building. These units sold from 2017 through 2020 for a total consideration of \$18,941,473. The units sold comprised 14.8632% the common elements of the building. The result was a full value of the property at \$127,438,727. However, the board of review set the total assessment for the two-unit subject at \$36,766.

The parties waived hearing and requested the Board to decide the appeal on the evidence previously submitted.

### **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 purchase of the subject property in June 2020 for \$300,000. The MLS information sheet and the real estate contract disclosed the sale of both the living unit and the parking space. The evidence also disclosed the allocation of a portion of the \$300,000 total sale price to each the living unit and the parking space. The appellant's request for an assessment reduction is consistent with these allocations. The appellant provided information in Section IV-Recent Sale Data of the appeal that the parties to the transaction were not related; that the property was sold using a Realtor; that the property had been advertised on the open market with the Multiple Listing Service. In further support of the transaction, the appellant submitted a copy of the sales contract, the MLS information sheet and

the settlement statement. There was no evidence the subject was sold short or from a foreclosure. The Board finds the purchase price was below the market value reflected by the assessment. Based on this record, the Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$300,000 as of January 1, 2020, and that a reduction in the subject's assessment is justified. Since market value has been determined, the 2020 level of assessment of 10.00% for Class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance shall apply. The total reduced assessment of \$30,000 is allocated as follows: \$26,979 to the residential unit, designated PIN 1176, and \$3,021 to the parking space, designated PIN 1315.

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



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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: November 21, 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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