



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

APPELLANT: Run Zhan Zhong  
DOCKET NO.: 20-41966.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-35-413-001-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Run Zhan Zhong, the appellant, by attorney Mary Kate Gorman, Attorney at Law 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:** \$6,200  
**IMPR.:** \$7,790  
**TOTAL:** \$13,990

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 is improved with a one-story, single-family dwelling of masonry construction. The building is 50 years old, and it has 1,160 square feet of living area. Features include a full, unfinished basement and a two-car garage. The site contains a 3,100 square foot lot. The property is located in Chicago, South Chicago Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-03 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellants assert overvaluation in this appeal. In support of this overvaluation argument, the appellant submitted evidence disclosing that the subject property was purchased on July 12, 2016, for a price of \$139,900. The evidence included a settlement statement for the transaction. Based upon this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$14,000 to reflect the purchase price.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$15,821. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$158,210 land included, when using the Cook County Real Estate Classification Ordinance level of assessment for class 2 property of 10%. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information about the sales of three suggested comparable properties

On October 18, 2022, the Property Tax Appeal Board issued a decision in case number 18-41404.001-R-1 in which it reduced the subject property's assessment for the 2019 tax year from \$17,777 to \$13,990.

### **Conclusion of Law**

A reduction of the assessment is mandated by law because of the assessment reduction that appellant received for the 2018 tax year by virtue of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision in case number 18-41404.001-R-1. The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that the assessment as established by the Board for the 2018 tax year should be carried forward to the 2020 tax year subject only to equalization as provided by section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code, which states in relevant part:

If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel on which a residence occupied by the owner is situated, such reduced assessment, subject to equalization, shall remain in effect for the remainder of the general assessment period as provided in Sections 9-215 through 9-225, unless that parcel is subsequently sold in an arm's length transaction establishing a fair cash value for the parcel that is different from the fair cash value on which the Board's assessment is based, or unless the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board is reversed or modified upon review.

35 ILCS 200/16-185. The 2018, 2019, and 2020 assessment years are within the same general assessment period for South Chicago Township. The record contains no evidence indicating the subject property was sold in an arm's length transaction after the Board's decision or that the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board has been reversed or modified upon review. The appellant's petition discloses that the subject is owner-occupied. For these reasons the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted to reflect the assessment as established in the Board's prior year's decision plus the application of an equalization factor, if any.

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: February 20, 2024



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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