



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

APPELLANT: Donnell Weston
DOCKET NO.: 20-49898.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 25-12-101-038-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Donnell Weston, the appellant(s), by attorney Jessica Hill-Magiera, Attorney at Law in Lake Zurich; 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:

LAND: \$2,755
IMPR.: \$9,177
TOTAL: \$11,932

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 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) 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 5,010 square foot parcel of land improved with a 64-year-old, one-story, masonry, single-family dwelling containing 1,134 square feet of building area. The property is located in Chicago, Hyde Park 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 argument, the appellant submitted data on four suggested comparables located within 1.02 miles of the subject. These comparables are described as one-story, masonry, single-family dwellings. They range in age from 63 to 69 years and in size from 954 to 1,134 square feet of building area. They sold from November to December 2020 for prices ranging from \$18.22 to \$92.24 per square foot of building area. The petition discloses the subject is not an owner-occupied residence.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the subject's assessment of \$11,932 which reflects a market value of \$119,320 or \$105.22 per square foot of building area using the Cook County Real Estate Classification Ordinance level of assessment for class 2 property of 10%.

In support of the current assessment, the board of review submitted data on four suggested comparables located within one-quarter mile of the subject. These comparables are described as one-story, masonry or frame and masonry, single-family dwellings. They range in age from 59 to 65 years and in size from 1,056 to 1,134 square feet of building area. They sold from August 2018 to November 2020 for prices ranging from \$41.01 to \$155.30 per square foot of building area.

In rebuttal, the appellant submitted a letter arguing that the board of review's comparable #3's sale is too remote in time to be comparable and that comparable #4 is not comparable as it has a basement. In addition, the appellant argued that the board of review did not address the appellant's comparables and submitted a grid of all the comparables. The appellant argues the median price should be used.

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 best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparables #1 and #2 and the board of review's comparable #2. These comparables from October 2020 to December 2020 for prices ranging from \$50.71 and \$114.64 per square foot of building area. The remaining comparables were given less weight for differences in size or has a sale date too far removed from the lien date in question. In comparison, the subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$105.22 per square foot of building area which is within the range of these comparables. After making adjustments to the comparables for the subject's pertinent characteristics the Board finds the subject's market value based on the current assessment is supported. Therefore, the Board finds the appellant has not proven 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

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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: _____

March 17, 2026

Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

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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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