



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

APPELLANT: Ina Patel  
DOCKET NO.: 21-24355.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 07-21-222-009-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ina Patel, the appellant, by attorney Andreas Mamalakis, of the Law Offices of Andreas Mamalakis in Kenosha; 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:** \$4,251  
**IMPR.:** \$16,648  
**TOTAL:** \$20,899

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 2021 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 1-story dwelling of frame exterior construction with 1,354 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 61 years old. Features of the home include a slab foundation and a 1-car garage. The property has a 10,004 square foot site and is located in Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-03 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on five equity comparables with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and located .35 to .44 of a mile from the subject. The comparables are class 2-03 properties improved with 1-story dwellings of frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,205 to 1,470 square feet of living area. The dwellings are 62 or 63 years old. Three comparables are reported to have

central air conditioning. Each comparable has one or two fireplaces. Four comparables each have a 1-car or a 2-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$8,173 to \$12,936 or from \$6.21 to \$9.00 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$20,899. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$16,648 or \$12.30 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and located on the same block and street as the subject. The comparables are class 2-03 properties improved with 1-story dwellings of frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,078 to 1,372 square feet of living area. The homes are 61 years old and have slab foundations. One comparable has central air conditioning and one comparable has a fireplace. Each comparable has a 1-car or a 2-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$16,561 to \$17,462 or from \$12.56 to \$15.99 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not less than three comparable properties showing the similarity, proximity and lack of distinguishing characteristics of the assessment comparables to the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The record contains nine suggested comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to appellant's comparable #4 which lacks a garage that is a feature of the subject. The Board gives less weight to board of review comparables #3 and #4 due to significant differences in dwelling size when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of equity to be appellant's comparables #1, #2, #3 and #5 along with board of review comparables #1 and #2 which are more similar to the subject in location age, dwelling size and features. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$8,173 to \$17,319 or from \$6.21 to \$12.79 per square foot of living area. Furthermore, board of review comparables which are most similar to the subject in location and dwelling size have improvement assessments of \$17,233 and \$17,319 or \$12.56 and \$12.79 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$16,648 or \$12.30 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the more similar comparables in this record and well supported by the two comparables most similar to the subject in location and dwelling size. After considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment 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: \_\_\_\_\_

December 23, 2025



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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