



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

APPELLANT: Albert Havenga
DOCKET NO.: 21-28453.001-C-1
PARCEL NO.: 28-31-200-003-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Albert Havenga, the appellant(s), by attorney Adam E. Bossov, of the Law Offices of Adam E. Bossov, P.C. 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: \$27,344
IMPR.: \$10,156
TOTAL: \$37,500

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 is improved with a one-story, commercial building utilized as an auto repair shop with 2,326 square feet of building area of masonry construction. The building was constructed in 1968. The property has a 15,625 square foot site located in Tinley Park, Bremen Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 5-22 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 an appraisal estimating the subject property had a market value of \$150,000, or \$64.49 per square feet of building area, including land, as of January 1, 2021. The property was inspected on October 25, 2021, and appraiser's opinion is based solely on the application of the sales comparison approach. The appraiser analyzed five different comparable sales properties that sold between 2018 and 2020. Adjustments were made to the comparable sales properties for

the differences of those properties when compared to the subject property. The sales comparison approach concluded that the subject property had a market value of \$150,000. The appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to a total of \$37,500, when utilizing the 25% level of assessment as determined by the Cook County Real Property Classification Ordinance.

The board of review did not submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" or any evidence in support of its assessment of the subject property as required by section 1910(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.40(a). By letter dated November 14, 2022, the board of review was granted a 90-day extension to file their evidence. By letter dated July 11, 2023, the board of review was found to be in default pursuant to section 1910.69(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.69(a) for failure to submit any information or evidence in support of their contention of the correct assessment and was notified that the Board would proceed with the appeal based on the evidence 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 and only evidence of market value to be the appraisal submitted by the appellant. The appraisal was prepared by an MAI designated appraiser and included adjustments based on his experience and expertise. The record is absent of board of review supporting evidence of their contention of the correct assessment. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$150,000, or \$64.49 per square foot of building area, including land, which is above the appraised value. The Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$150,000 as of the assessment date at issue. Since market value has been established, the 25% level of assessment as determined by the Cook County Real Property Classification Ordinance shall apply. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(c)(3).

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 15, 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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