



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

APPELLANT: Weizhe An
DOCKET NO.: 21-30424.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 17-17-113-066-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Weizhe An, the appellant, by Ciarra Schmidt, attorney-at-law of Schmidt Salzman & Moran, Ltd. 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 **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: \$4,635
IMPR.: \$69,365
TOTAL: \$74,000

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 three-story dwelling of masonry exterior construction containing 1,812 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 22 years old. Features of the property include a slab foundation, central air conditioning, one fireplace, 2½ bathrooms, and a 2-car garage. The property has a 927 square foot site located in Chicago, West Chicago Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-95 town house or row house under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity regarding the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on five equity comparables composed of class 2-95 properties improved with three-story buildings of masonry exterior construction each with 1,916 square feet of living area and approximately 16 years old.

Each comparable has central air conditioning, 2½ bathrooms, and a 3-car garage.¹ One comparable has one fireplace. These properties have the same neighborhood code as the subject property. Their improvement assessments range from \$23,130 to \$33,960 or from \$12.07 to \$17.72 per square foot of living area. The appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$22,559.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$74,000. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$69,365 or \$38.28 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 consisting of class 2-95 properties improved with three-story dwellings of masonry exterior construction that have either 1,778 or 1,812 square feet of living area. The homes are 17 or 22 years old. Each property has a slab foundation, central air conditioning, one fireplace, 2 or 2½ bathrooms, and a 2-car garage. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located in the "subarea" or the same block as the subject. Comparables #1 and #2 are located along the same street as the subject. The improvement assessments range from \$69,405 to \$72,778 or from \$38.30 to \$40.38 per square foot of living area.

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 Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the comparables submitted by the board of review as these properties are more similar to the subject in location, size and features than are the comparables provided by the appellant. These comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$69,405 to \$72,778 or from \$38.30 to \$40.38 per square foot of living area. Board of review comparables #1 and #2 are practically identical to the subject and are located on the same street and within the same block as the subject. These two properties have improvement assessments of \$72,778 and \$69,405 or \$40.16 and \$38.30 per square foot of living area, respectively. The subject's improvement assessment of \$69,365 or \$38.28 per square foot of living area falls below the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record 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.

¹ The appellant submitted copies of the property characteristic sheets from the Cook County Assessor's Office for the comparables from which the descriptive information was verified, added or corrected by this Board.

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: _____

May 20, 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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