



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

APPELLANT: Kathryn Wright
DOCKET NO.: 21-30656.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 17-05-109-021-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Kathryn Wright, the appellant, by attorney Noah J. Schmidt, 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: \$10,050
IMPR.: \$57,008
TOTAL: \$67,058

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 2-story apartment building of masonry exterior construction with 2,240 square feet of gross building area. The building is 133 years old and features a full basement with finished area and central air conditioning. The property has a 1,675 square foot site and is located in Chicago, West Chicago Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-11 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.¹ In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on five equity comparables located within the subject's assessment neighborhood. The comparables consist of

¹ The appellant also selected "Contention of Law" as a basis of appeal, but did not submit a brief outlining any legal argument or citing any statute or caselaw in support of her contention of law.

2-story class 2-11 buildings of masonry or frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 2,080 to 2,451 square feet of gross building area. The buildings range in age from 133 to 148 years old. One building has a partial basement and four comparables each have a 3.5-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$21,300 to \$36,432 or from \$10.24 to \$14.95 per square foot of gross building area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced improvement assessment of \$31,427 or \$14.03 per square foot of gross building area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$67,058. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$57,008 or \$25.45 per square foot of gross building area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on five equity comparables² located within the subject's assessment neighborhood, three of which are within .25 of a mile of the subject. The comparables consist of 2-story class 2-11 buildings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,800 to 2,382 square feet of gross building area. The buildings are 118 to 143 years old. Three comparables each have either a 1-car or 2-car garage and each comparable has a full basement, one of which is finished with an apartment. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$47,341 to \$58,250 or from \$23.81 to \$28.14 per square foot of gross building area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer 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 parties submitted a total of ten equity comparables to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has given reduced weight to the comparables submitted by the appellant, as well as board of review comparables #3, #4, and #5, which differ from the subject in foundation or feature a garage unlike the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be board of review comparables #1 and #2, which are similar to the subject in age, building size, and some features. These comparables have improvement assessments of \$54,984 and \$58,160 or \$26.93 and \$27.63 per square foot of gross building area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$57,008 or \$25.45 per square foot of gross building area is bracketed by the best comparables in this record overall

² The board of review submitted two comparable grids. Three of the comparables are common to both grids. The Board has renumbered the comparable identified by PIN 17-05-116-040-0000 as comparable #5 for ease of reference.

and below the two best comparables on a per-square-foot basis. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences from 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: _____

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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