



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

APPELLANT: KFT Realty, LLC
DOCKET NO.: 21-32828.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 17-08-246-004-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are KFT Realty, LLC, the appellant, by attorney Douglas LaSota, of O'Keefe, Lyons & Hynes, LLC 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: \$50,808
IMPR.: \$59,192
TOTAL: \$110,000

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 1-story dwelling of masonry exterior construction with 5,416 square feet of living area.¹ The dwelling is approximately 25 years old. Features of the home include a slab foundation, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 2,724 square foot garage. The property has an 8,468 square foot site and is located in Chicago, West Chicago Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-04 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

¹ The Board finds the best evidence of dwelling size is found in the appellant's appraisal which includes a sketch with measurements of the subject home.

\$1,100,000 as of January 1, 2021. The appraisal was prepared by Lilie Toshev, a certified residential real estate appraiser, to determine market value as of the effective date.

Under the sales comparison approach, the appraiser selected three comparable sales located from 0.38 of a mile to 1.57 miles from the subject. The appraiser stated the comparables were selected based on their similarity to the subject in functional utility, age, condition, and dwelling size, although the appraiser acknowledged the comparables differ by more than 15% from the subject in dwelling size given limited recent sales of properties more similar to the subject.

The parcels range in size from 3,125 to 7,650 square feet of land area and are improved with ranch or contemporary style dwellings of brick or brick and stone exterior construction ranging in size from 2,179 to 3,286 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 9 to 33 years old. Each comparable has a basement with finished area and central air conditioning. Two comparables have a 2-car or a 4-car garage. The comparables sold from March 2018 to August 2020 for prices ranging from \$1,000,000 to \$1,159,800 or from \$352.95 to \$458.93 per square foot of living area, including land. The appraiser adjusted the comparables for differences from the subject to arrive at adjusted prices from \$1,095,500 to \$1,152,800. The appraiser concluded a value for the subject of \$1,100,000 as of January 1, 2021.

Based on this evidence the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to reflect the appraised value conclusion.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$142,000. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$1,420,000 or \$262.19 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10%.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on one comparable sale² located within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. This property has a 5,904 square foot site that is improved with a 2-story, class 2-09 home of masonry exterior construction with 6,956 square feet of living area. The home is 133 years old and features a basement, central air conditioning, and a 4-car garage. The property sold in February 2021 for a price of \$1,920,000 or \$276.02 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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.

² The board of review presented four comparables but reported sale data for only one comparable.

The appellant submitted an appraisal and the board of review submitted one comparable sale in support of their respective positions before the Board. The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appraisal submitted by the appellant. Although the Board finds none of the comparables in this record are highly similar to the subject in features and location, the appraiser explained why these comparables were selected and made reasonable adjustments to the comparables for differences from the subject.

The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$1,420,000 or \$262.19 per square foot of living area, including land, which is above the appraised value conclusion. The Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$1,100,000 as of the assessment date at issue. Since market value has been established the level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10% shall apply. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(c)(2).

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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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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