

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: 1738 W. Huron, LP DOCKET NO.: 21-33214.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 17-07-206-024-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are 1738 W. Huron, LP, the appellant, by attorney David R. Bass, of Field and Goldberg, 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 *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: \$18,150 **IMPR.:** \$107,863 **TOTAL:** \$126,013

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 3,025 square foot parcel of land with two improvements. Improvement #1 is a 133-year-old, three-story, masonry construction, multi-family dwelling containing 3,843 square feet of living area, while improvement #2 is a two-story, frame, multi-family dwelling containing 1,250 square feet of building area. The property is located in Chicago, Rogers Park 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 that assessment inequity for improvement #2 only as the basis of the appeal. The appellant submitted three equity comparables to support the inequity argument. These properties are described as two-story, multi-family dwellings with either frame or masonry construction. They range: in age from 97 to 150 years old; in size from 1,520 to 1,733 square feet

of living area; and in improvement assessment from \$24.70 to \$25.46 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal," disclosing the subject's assessment of \$126,013 with an allocated improvement assessment for improvement #1 of \$61,850 or \$16.99 per square foot of living area and for improvement #2 of \$46,013 or \$36.84 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 for each improvement. These properties for improvement #2 are described as two-story dwellings with either frame, frame and masonry, or masonry construction. They range: in age from 121 to 143 years; in size from 918 to 1,512 square feet of living area; and in an improvement assessment from \$37.14 to \$95.74 per square foot of living area.

In rebuttal, the appellant submitted a letter asserting the board of review has not provided similar comparables and the Board should give no weight to these comparables.

The matter was set for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge on February 27, 2025. On February 27, 2025, however, the parties entered into a written agreement to waive the hearing and have the matter decided on the evidence that had been submitted.

Conclusion of Law

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); Walsh, 181 Ill. 2d at 234 (1998). Clear and convincing evidence means more than a preponderance of the evidence, but it does not need to approach the degree of proof needed for a conviction of a crime. Bazyldo v. Volant, 164 Ill. 2d 207, 213 (1995). 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 appellant's comparables #1, #2, and #3 and the board of review's comparables #1, #3, and #4. These comparables ranged in improvement assessment from \$24.70 to \$95.74 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$36.81 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. These comparables were selected due to similarities in living area square footage, age, and/or location. After making adjustments to the comparables for pertinent characteristics, the Board finds that the appellant did not demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that the subject was inequitably assessed and, therefore, 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 |
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| C. R. | Robert Stoffen |
| Member | Member |
| Dan Dikini | Sarah Bokley |
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| 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: | July 15, 2025 | |
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| | Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board | |

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

IMPORTANT NOTICE

"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 <u>PETITION AND EVIDENCE</u> 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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