FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Eryan Cobham
DOCKET NO.: 21-34563.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-13-428-037-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Eryan Cobham, the appellant, by attorney Eric Feldman, of Eric Feldman & Assoc. 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 ***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:	$6,504
IMPR.:	$52,131
TOTAL:	$58,635

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 dwelling of frame exterior construction with 1,766 square feet of living area. The home is approximately 7 years old. Features include a full basement with finished area, central air conditioning, and a 2-car garage.[1] The property has a 3,097 square foot site and is located in Chicago, West Chicago Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-07 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

[1] The appellant's evidence is internally inconsistent as Section III of the appeal petition disclosed the subject lacks a fireplace, but the grid analysis indicates the subject has one fireplace. The board of review's grid reports the subject lacks a fireplace, which was unrefuted by the appellant. Therefore, the Board finds the subject lacks a fireplace.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on five equity comparables that are located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property; two of which are also located on the same block and street as the subject. The comparables are improved with 2-story, class 2-07 dwellings of wood or masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,514 to 1,766 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 4 to 13 years old. Each comparable has a full basement with finished area, central air conditioning, and one fireplace. Three comparables each have a 2-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from $24,750 to $31,408 or from $16.35 to $19.10 per square foot of living area.[2] Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the improvement assessment be reduced to $29,898 or $16.93 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of $58,635. The subject property has an improvement assessment of $52,131 or $29.52 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 that are located within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. Each of these comparables is also located on the same block and street as the subject. The comparables are improved with 2-story, class 2-07 dwellings of frame exterior construction with each having 1,766 square feet of living area. The homes are each 7 years old. Each comparable has a full basement with finished area, central air conditioning, and a 2-car garage. Each comparable has an improvement assessment of $53,496 or $30.29 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that the subject's assessment be confirmed.

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 parties submitted nine suggested comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparables #1 and #2 as well as the board of review comparables which are identical or nearly identical in property characteristics. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from $29,768 to $53,496 or of $16.86 or $30.29 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of $52,131 or $29.52 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. After considering appropriate adjustments to the best

[2] The Board finds the appellant miscalculated the improvement per square foot in the grid analysis and has made the appropriate corrections to the evidence.

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

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Member

Member

DISSENTING:

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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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