



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

APPELLANT: Lance Kirshner
DOCKET NO.: 21-36668.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-19-126-003-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Lance Kirshner, the appellant, by attorney Dora Cornelio, 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: \$46,500
IMPR.: \$66,561
TOTAL: \$113,061

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 masonry exterior construction with 2,134 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 105 years old. Features of the home include a basement with finished recreation room, 3-full plus 2-half bathrooms and a 2-car garage. The property has an approximately 3,720 square foot site and is located in Chicago, Lake View Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-05 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. In support of this argument the appellant submitted Property Search Details and a grid analysis with information on five equity comparables located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved with 2-story class 2-05 dwellings of frame or masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,942 to 2,159

square feet of living area. The homes range in age from approximately 78 to 130 years old.¹ Three comparables have a basement, one of which has a finished recreation room and two comparables have no basement foundation. Each home has 1, 2 or 3-full bathrooms and two homes also have 1-half bathroom. Three dwellings have central air conditioning, one property has two fireplaces and four comparables have from a 1-car to a 3.5-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$35,500 to \$39,723 or from \$16.44 to \$20.21 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$37,323 or \$17.49 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 \$113,061. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$66,561 or \$31.19 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 located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved with 2-story class 2-05 dwellings of frame or masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,644 to 2,174 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 111 to 122 years old. Each comparable has a basement with finished area. The dwellings each have 2 or 3-full bathrooms and two properties also have 1-half bathroom. Each home has central air conditioning and a 2-car garage. One comparable has a fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$53,187 to \$78,100 or from \$32.35 to \$36.70 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested 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 equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to each of the appellant's comparables which are less similar to the subject in age, foundation type, garage amenity and/or number of bathrooms when compared to other properties in the record. The Board give less weight to board of review comparable #1 which differs from the subject in dwelling size.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be board of review comparables #2, #3 and #4 which are more similar to the subject in location, age, design, dwelling size and most features. Although each of these best properties has fewer bathrooms than the subject and features central air conditioning which the subject lacks, suggesting adjustments are needed to

¹ Some property details for the appellant's comparables have been corrected with information reported in the Property Search Details submitted by the appellant.

make these properties more equivalent to the subject. These best comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$72,500 to \$78,100 or from \$33.35 to \$36.70 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$66,561 or \$31.19 per square foot of living area falls below the range established by the best comparables in this record. After considering adjustments to the 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

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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: March 18, 2025

Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

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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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