



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

APPELLANT: Ronald Grabowski  
DOCKET NO.: 21-38722.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 14-33-307-032-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ronald Grabowski, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld & Associates, LLC in Northbrook; 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:** \$36,900  
**IMPR.:** \$67,723  
**TOTAL:** \$104,623

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 multi-family building of frame exterior construction with 3,824 square feet of building area. The building is approximately 133 years old. Features of the building include an unfinished basement and a 1.5-car garage. The property has an approximately 2,952 square foot site and is located in Chicago, North 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. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved with class 2-11 multi-family buildings of frame or frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 3,036 to 3,472 square feet of building area. The

buildings range in age from 129 to 147 years old. Each comparable has a basement and central air conditioning. One building has a fireplace. The appellant did not disclose if the comparable basements are finished or unfinished. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$54,250 to \$63,625 or from \$16.87 to \$18.33 per square foot of building area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$67,723 or \$17.71 per square foot of building area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$113,380. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$76,480 or \$20.00 per square foot of building 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 or 3-story class 2-11 buildings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 2,651 to 3,032 square feet of building area that are 133 or 153 years old. Three comparables have a basement finished with an apartment and one comparable has a concrete slab foundation. Two buildings have central air conditioning, one building has two fireplaces and each property has from a 1-car to a 3-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$75,288 to \$101,500 or from \$28.30 to \$33.53 per square foot of building 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted eight equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to appellant comparables #2 and #3 along with each of the board of review's comparables which differ from the subject in age and/or building size.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be appellant comparables #1 and #4 which are more similar to the subject in location, age, building size and some features. However, these two best comparables lack a garage amenity, in contrast with the subject, suggesting upward adjustments are needed to make these properties more equivalent to the subject. These two comparables have improvement assessments of \$55,000 and \$63,625 or \$16.87 and \$18.33 per square foot of building area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$76,480 or \$20.00 per square foot of building area falls above the two best comparables in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the appellant demonstrated with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment, commensurate with the request, is 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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