



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

APPELLANT: Donald Nehrke
DOCKET NO.: 21-40519.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-19-321-012-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Donald Nehrke, the appellant, by attorney Abby L. Strauss of Schiller Law 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 **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: \$38,750
IMPR.: \$27,613
TOTAL: \$66,363

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 and masonry exterior construction with 2,209 square feet of building area.¹ The building is approximately 134 years old. The home features a crawl space foundation, central air conditioning, two full bathrooms and one-half bathroom. The property has a 3,100 square foot site and is located in Chicago, Lake View 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 that have the same assessment neighborhood code and property classification code

¹ The Board finds the best and only description of the subject property was provided by the appellant, since the board of review provided data on a "substituted" PIN, identified as the appellant's comparable #2.

as the subject property. The comparables are improved with multi-family buildings of frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 2,220 to 2,408 square feet of building area. The buildings are from 101 to 133 years old. One comparable has a concrete slab foundation and three comparables each have a full basement. No data was provided by the appellant concerning finished basement area. Each comparable has two full bathrooms. One comparable has central air conditioning, one comparable has a fireplace and three comparables each have a two-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$22,500 to \$30,822 or from \$10.14 to \$12.80 per square foot of building area.

The appellant submitted a copy of the 2021 final decision issued by the Cook County Board of Review disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$90,103. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$51,353 or \$23.25 per square foot of building area.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal." In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables that have the same assessment neighborhood code and property classification code as the subject. The comparables are located either ¼ of a mile from the subject property or within the subject's subarea, one of which is also on the same street as the subject. The comparables are improved with 1.5-story or 2-story multi-family buildings of frame or masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,302 to 1,693 square feet of building area. The buildings are from 128 to 138 years old. The comparables each have a full basement, two of which are either finished with an apartment or a formal recreation room. Two comparables have central air conditioning. Each comparable has two full bathrooms and one comparable has a two-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$23,722 to \$28,500 or from \$16.83 to \$18.22 per square foot of building area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In written rebuttal, the appellant's counsel argued the board of review comparables differ from the subject in "living area."

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer 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 suggested comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the comparables submitted by the board of review due to their smaller building sizes when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the four comparables submitted by the appellant, which are similar to the subject in location, building size and age. However, the comparables have features with varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject, suggesting adjustments would be required to make them more equivalent to the subject. Nevertheless, the comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$22,500 to \$30,822 or from \$10.14 to \$12.80 per square foot of building area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$51,354 or \$23.25 per square foot of building area falls above the range established by the best comparables in the record. After considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's improvement assessment is excessive. Based on this record, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

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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