



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

APPELLANT: Jennifer L. Erickson
DOCKET NO.: 21-41626.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 03-20-411-014-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jennifer L. Erickson, the appellant(s), by attorney Nora Devine, of The Devine Law Group, 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 **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: \$4,351
IMPR.: \$17,667
TOTAL: \$22,018

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 an approximately 66-year-old, one-story dwelling of frame and masonry construction with 1,047 square feet of living area. Features of the building include a full basement, central air conditioning, and a two-car garage. The property has a 6,962 square foot site located in Arlington Heights, Wheeling Township, Cook County. The property is a class 2-03 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity, market value based on comparable sales and overvaluation as the bases of the appeal. In support of the market value argument, the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales. The comparable properties sold between July 2019 and October 2020. The comparable properties ranged: in price between \$215,500 to \$250,000; in living area square footage between 1,039 to 1,150; and in sale price per square foot

between \$204.65 to \$217.39, including land. Based on this evidence, appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$22,018.

In support of the lack of equity argument, the appellant submitted information on four suggested equity comparable properties with varying degrees of similarities to the subject. These comparables are described as frame and masonry or masonry construction dwellings. They range in age from 48 to 68 years; in size from 1,029 to 1,110 square feet of living area; and an improvement assessment of \$11.89 to \$15.76 per square foot of living area. The properties have two- or 2.5-car garages. The properties are located within a .13-mile radius of the subject property. The appellant requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$19,239.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$27,207. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$272,070 or \$259.86 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the Cook County Real Estate Classification Ordinance level of assessment for class 2 property of 10%. In support of the assessment, the board of review submitted information about sale of one suggested comparable property. The suggested comparable was sold on October 29, 2019 for the amount of \$310,000 or \$296.08 per square foot of living area, land included in the sales price.

The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$22,856 or \$21.83 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four suggested equity comparable properties with varying degrees of similarities to the subject. These comparables are described as frame and masonry construction, one-story dwellings. They range in age from 65 to 66 years; 1,047 square feet of living area in size; and an improvement assessment ranging from \$21.87 to \$23.46 per square foot of living area. These properties have full basements and 1.5- or two-car garages. The properties are located on the same block as the subject property. The board of review requested that the assessment be confirmed.

In rebuttal, the appellant submitted the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) data sheets for the board of review's suggested comparable #4 and pointed out characteristic differences for all of its suggested comparables to the subject. The appellant reaffirmed its position that the 2021 assessed value for the subject property is excessive and that the total assessment should be reduced.

On December 17, 2025, both parties agreed to waive the hearing and have the Board render its decision based on the evidence.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer asserts that the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal, the taxpayer must prove the value of the property by a preponderance of the evidence. 86 Ill. Admin. Code §1910.63(e); Winnebago County Bd. of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Bd., 313 Ill. App. 3d 1038, 1043 (2d Dist. 2000). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal of the subject property, a recent sale, comparable sales or construction costs. 86 Ill. Admin. Code §1910.65(c). The Board finds

the appellant did meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment on this basis is warranted.

The Board finds that the best evidence of the subject's market value is the appraisal submitted by the appellant. That appraisal employed the sales comparison approach and relied upon recent sales of three suggested comparable properties. The appraisal stated that the sale prices of the suggested comparable properties were adjusted to account for differences between them and the subject, taking into account such factors as gross living area, design/features, lot size, age, and location. In contrast, the board of review's evidence consists of unadjusted raw sales figures.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparable sales #1, #2, and #3. These comparables sold for prices ranging from \$204.65 to \$217.39 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$259.86 per square foot of living area, including land, which is above the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment based on the overvaluation argument is justified. Since market value has been determined, the Board finds that the subject is now fairly and equitably assessed. See *Central Nursing Realty, LLC v. Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board*, 2020 IL App (1st) 180994, ¶¶ 34-36.

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: _____

July 21, 2026



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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