



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

APPELLANT: John R. Willis
DOCKET NO.: 21-45714.001-R-1 through 21-45714.002-R-1
PARCEL NO.: See Below

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are John R. Willis, the appellant, by attorney Thomas E. Sweeney, of Siegel Jennings Co., LPA 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:

DOCKET NO	PARCEL NUMBER	LAND	IMPRVMT	TOTAL
21-45714.001-R-1	14-33-123-037-0000	42,500	156,825	\$199,325
21-45714.002-R-1	14-33-123-038-0000	42,500	206,525	\$249,025

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 5,695 square feet of living area.¹ The dwelling is 133 years old. Features of the home include a full basement with finished area and central air conditioning. The property has a 3,400 square foot site and is located in Chicago, North Chicago Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-09 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 within the subject's assessment neighborhood. The comparables consist of

¹ The board of review reported that the property contains a second improvement, for which no descriptive information was provided, and which was not refuted by the appellant in rebuttal.

3-story class 2-09 dwellings of masonry or stucco exterior construction ranging in size from 5,532 to 5,956 square feet of living area. The homes are 28 to 118 years old. Each dwelling has central air conditioning, one to three fireplaces, a full basement, and either a 2.5-car, 3-car, or 4-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$194,459 to \$326,180 or from \$35.15 to \$56.50 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced improvement assessment of \$277,688 or \$48.76 per square foot of living area, when using 5,695 square feet of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$448,350. The subject property has a combined improvement assessment of \$363,350 or \$63.80 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 within the subject's assessment neighborhood. The comparables consist of 2-story or 3-story class 2-09 dwellings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 5,616 to 6,131 square feet of living area. The homes are 129 to 143 years old. Each dwelling has central air conditioning and a full basement with two having finished area. One comparable has two fireplaces and two comparables each have a 2-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$344,107 to \$373,684 or from \$58.33 to \$61.70 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted a total of eight equity comparables to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has given reduced weight to the appellant's comparables, as well as board of review comparables #3 and #4, which differ from the subject in age or feature a garage unlike the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be board of review comparables #1 and #2, which are similar to the subject in age, dwelling size, and features. These comparables have improvement assessments of \$334,710 and \$344,107 or \$58.33 and \$61.27 per square foot of living area. The subject's combined improvement assessment of \$363,350 or \$63.80 per square foot of living area is above the two best comparables in this record overall and which appears logical given the subject's second improvement. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the best 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



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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