



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

APPELLANT: Michael Waghorn
DOCKET NO.: 21-51365.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 13-35-207-009-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Michael Waghorn, the appellant(s), by attorney George N. Reveliotis, of Reveliotis Law, P.C. in Park Ridge; 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: \$20,850
IMPR.: \$36,650
TOTAL: \$57,500

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 6,950 square foot parcel of land improved with a 113-year-old, two-story, masonry, multi-family dwelling, containing 4,290 square feet of living area. The property is located in Chicago, Jefferson Township, Cook County and is a class 2-11 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of its overvaluation argument, appellant submitted an appraisal estimating the subject property had a market value of \$575,000 after appropriate adjustments, as of January 1, 2021. The appraiser utilized the sales comparison approach based on three sales comparables and made appropriate adjustments. The three comparable sales properties sold between September 2019 and December 2020 for prices ranging from \$126.72 to \$139.07 per square foot of living area. On its Appeal Form, the appellant indicates the subject property is an owner-occupied residence.

The appellant also included a copy of the board of review's written decision reflecting a final assessment for the subject property of \$91,335. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$57,500.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" depicting a total assessed valuation of \$91,335, with an improvement assessment of \$70,485. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$913,350, or \$212.90 per square foot of living area when applying the level of assessment for class 2 property of 10.00% under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted four comparable properties. Each of the comparable properties was improved with a two-story, multi-family dwelling, of masonry construction and ranged in size between 4,055 and 4,410 square feet of living area and in age between 108 and 115 years old. The board of review did not provide any sales information for its comparable properties.

This matter was set to proceed to hearing. Prior to hearing, the parties submitted a written request to waive hearing and for this matter to be written on the evidence previously submitted. The administrative law judge granted the parties' request.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant contends 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 value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). 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 is warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be *the appraisal submitted by appellant*. The appraiser utilized the sales comparison approach based on three sales comparables. After the appraiser made appropriate adjustments, the appraiser estimated the market value of the subject property to be \$575,000 as of January 1, 2021. The subject's assessment of \$91,335 reflects a market value above the best evidence of market value in the record. The Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$575,000 as of the assessment date at issue. Since market value has been established the level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10% shall apply. (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(c)(2)).

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: _____

September 15, 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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