



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

APPELLANT: Frank Peard
DOCKET NO.: 21-55052.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-32-303-011-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Frank Peard, the appellant(s), by attorney Joseph G. Kusper, of Kusper Law Group, LLC in Rosemont; 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: \$7,313
IMPR.: \$49,000
TOTAL: \$56,313

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 is an approximately 45-year-old, two-story single-family dwelling of frame and masonry construction containing 2,168 square feet of living area¹. Features of the home include a partial finished basement with a formal recreation room, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a two-car garage. The property has an 8,125 square foot site located in Western Springs, Proviso Township, Cook County. The appellant disclosed that the subject was owner occupied in the lien year of this appeal. The subject is a Class 2-78 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

¹ Appellant provided a detailed floor plan from a previous appraisal of the property which detailed that the building contains a total of 2,168 square feet of living area. The board of review did not refute this evidence. The Board finds that the subject has a total 2,168 square feet of living area not 2,580 as asserted by the board of review.

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on five suggested equity comparable properties with varying similarities to the subject. Appellant reports that the submitted comparable properties are class 2-178 properties that are located within “several blocks” from the subject.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$62,887. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$55,575 or \$25.63² 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. All the submitted properties were two-story class 2-78 properties that are located either within a block or a ¼-mile radius of the subject.

Prior to a scheduled August 28, 2025, hearing before a PTAB Administrative Law Judge the parties entered into a written agreement to waive hearing and have a decision rendered based on the previously submitted evidence.

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 Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be comparable properties #1 and #2 submitted by the board of review and comparable properties #1 and #3 submitted by the appellant. These comparable properties were most similar to the subject in size, age, design and location, and had improvement assessments that ranged from \$20.63 to \$24.90 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$25.63 per square foot of living area falls above the range established by the best comparable properties in this record. The Board finds that the appellant demonstrated with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was in equitably assessed and, therefore, a reduction in the subject's assessment is justified.

² Based on 2,168 square feet of living area.

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: _____

November 25, 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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