

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Amy Greenwald DOCKET NO.: 22-22378.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 05-31-317-021-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Amy Greenwald, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld & Associates, LLC in Northbrook; 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:

LAND: \$17,424 **IMPR.:** \$51,053 **TOTAL:** \$68,477

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely appealed a decision of the Cook County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) contesting the assessment for the 2022 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 2,585 square feet, two-story dwelling of frame and masonry construction built on a 10,890 lot in Glenview, New Trier Township, Cook County. The 70-year-old class 2-06 home features three bathrooms, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and an attached two-car garage.

On appeal, the taxpayer argues the \$51,053 subject improvement assessment is inequitable and requests it be reduced to \$45,005. To that end, the appellant supplied information on four similar class 2-06 properties whose improvement assessments ranged from \$16.57 to \$18.13 per square foot of living area. The selected comparables were all around 60 years old, and had 2.5 bathrooms, air conditioning, and over 2,600 square feet of living space.

The county board of review maintained the subject improvement was properly assessed at \$19.75 per living square foot. To support the \$68,477 total assessment, the board of review offered four properties within a quarter mile of the subject as equity comparables. Each selection was over 70 years old, included a garage and fireplace, and had at least 2,228 living square feet.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. The Illinois Constitution requires that real estate taxes "be levied uniformly by valuation ascertained as the General Assembly shall provide by law." Ill. Const., art. IX, § 4 (1970); Walsh v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 181 Ill. 2d 228, 234 (1998). This uniformity provision of the Illinois Constitution does not require absolute equality in taxation, however; instead, a reasonable degree of uniformity in the taxing authority's assessments suffices. Peacock v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 339 Ill. App. 3d 1060, 1070 (4th Dist. 2003).

When the ground for appeal is unequal treatment in the assessment, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e); Walsh, 181 Ill. 2d at 234 (1998). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of assessment documentation for the 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.

Based on the parties' submissions, board of review comparable #3 anchors the range of equitable subject improvement assessment, while appellant comparables #3 and #4 comprise the remainder of the range. Although it boasts one half bathroom more than the subject, board of review comparable #3 was smaller than the subject improvement by 357 square feet and 12 years older. Meanwhile, appellant comparables #3 and #4 each contained one fewer half bathroom but a slightly larger garage than the subject. As the properties most similar to the subject in the record, these comparables create an equitable subject improvement assessment range from \$17.24 to \$24.82, within which the subject's improvement assessment of \$19.75 lands. Accordingly, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject 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.

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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 16, 2025

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Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

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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 <u>PETITION AND EVIDENCE</u> 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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