



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

APPELLANT: John Huelskamp
DOCKET NO.: 22-24713.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 11-07-105-020-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are John Huelskamp, the appellant, by Dora Cornelio, attorney-at-law of Schmidt Salzman & Moran, Ltd. 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:

LAND: \$21,656
IMPR.: \$94,317
TOTAL: \$115,973

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 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 is improved with a two-story dwelling of masonry exterior construction containing 3,446 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 95 years old. Features of the property include a full basement with a recreation room, central air conditioning, two fireplaces, three bathrooms, and a 2-car garage. The property has a 7,875 square foot site located in Evanston, Evanston Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-06 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends inequity with respect to the improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on five equity comparables consisting of class 2-06 properties improved with two-story dwellings of masonry, stucco, or frame and masonry exterior construction that range in size from 3,112 to 3,630 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 98 to 122 years old. Each property has a full

basement with four having finished area, and 3 or 3½ bathrooms. One comparable has central air conditioning, four comparables have one or two fireplaces, and four comparables have a 1.5-car or a 2-car garage. These properties have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. Their improvement assessments range from \$62,707 to \$79,481 or from \$20.15 to \$23.04 per square foot of living area. The appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$75,364.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$115,973. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$94,317 or \$27.37 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 composed of class 2-06 properties improved with two-story dwellings of masonry or stucco exterior construction that range in size from 3,254 to 3,724 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 93 to 112 years old. Each property has a full basement, one or two fireplaces, and a 2-car or a 3-car garage. Each property has two to four full bathrooms and one or three half bathrooms. Three comparables have central air conditioning. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. Their improvement assessments range from \$91,700 to \$148,454 or from \$28.18 to \$43.70 per square foot of living area.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant 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 information on nine assessment equity comparables with the same classification code and neighborhood code as the subject property to support their respective positions. The Board gives less weight to appellant's comparables #1, #2, #3 and #5 as none of these comparables have central air conditioning, which is a feature of the subject property. Additionally, appellant's comparable #3 has no fireplace and no garage, features of the subject property. The Board gives less weight to board of review comparable #2 as this property has no central air condition, a feature of the subject property, and the improvement assessment appears to be an outlier that is approximately 37% higher than the next highest comparable on a per square foot basis. The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be appellant's comparable #4 and board of comparables #1, #3 and #4, which are improved with dwellings that range in size from 3,254 to 3,724 square feet of living area and are from 93 to 122 years old. These properties have features relatively similar to the subject property with improvement assessments that range from \$75,540 to \$118,565 or from \$22.77 to \$31.84 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$94,317 or \$27.37 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record 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

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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 15, 2025

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 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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