



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

APPELLANT: Ronald Little
DOCKET NO.: 22-24981.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 08-11-211-017-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ronald Little, 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: \$7,800
IMPR.: \$31,200
TOTAL: \$39,000

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 consists of a 1.5-story dwelling¹ of masonry exterior construction with 1,618 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 71 years old. Features of the home include a full basement with finished area, a fireplace and a 1-car garage. The property has a 7,800 square foot site and is located in Mount Prospect, Elk Grove Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-03 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

¹ The parties differ regarding the story height of the subject dwelling. The board of review's grid analysis reported the subject is a 1.5-story dwelling that has a basement finished with a formal recreation room, which was not refuted by the appellant in rebuttal.

comparables located within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and within 0.40 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with class 2-03 dwellings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,582 to 1,693 square feet of living area. The dwellings are 45 to 75 years old. The dwellings have full basements, but no data was provided if the basements have finished area. One comparable has a fireplace, and each comparable has a 1-car, a 2-car or a 2½-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$27,200 to \$30,200 or from \$16.79 to \$17.91 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the improvement assessment be reduced to \$28,283 or \$17.48 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$39,000. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$31,200 or \$19.28 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on three equity comparables located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and within the subject's same block or approximately ¼ of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with class 2-03 dwellings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,350 to 1,520 square feet of living area. The comparables are 72 to 75 years old. Each comparable has a full basement, one of which has finished area, central air conditioning, and a 1-car, a 1½-car or a 2-car garage. One comparable has a fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$27,200 to \$31,200 or from \$20.15 to \$20.72 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the assessment be confirmed.

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 seven comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparable #3 and board of review comparables #1 and #3 which are less similar to the subject in dwelling size or age than the other comparables in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the parties' remaining comparables. These comparables are relatively similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, age, and some features. However, the appellant's grid analysis did not disclose whether the dwellings have a finished basement area, suggesting an upward adjustment may be appropriate for this feature to make them more equivalent to the subject. These four comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$27,200 to \$31,200 or from \$16.79 to \$20.53 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$31,200 or \$19.28 per square foot of living area

is identical to the comparable at the higher end of the range on an overall basis and falls within the range on a per-square-foot basis. 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

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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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