



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

APPELLANT: Andrew Kertesz
DOCKET NO.: 22-25322.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 10-14-201-022-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Andrew Kertesz, 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: \$12,267
IMPR.: \$39,733
TOTAL: \$52,000

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 2-story dwelling of masonry construction with 1,691 square feet of living area that is approximately 79 years old. The dwelling features 1½ baths, a partial unfinished basement, central air conditioning, and a 1-car garage. The property has a 5,452 square foot site and is located in Evanston, Evanston Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-05 property¹ 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 comparables located either 456 feet or .4 of a mile from the subject and within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables consist of 2-story, class

¹ Two-or-more story residence, over 62 years of age up to 2,200 square feet of living area.

2-05 dwellings of masonry or frame and masonry construction ranging in size from 1,832 to 1,911 square feet of living area and ranging in age from 64 to 84 years old. Each comparable features 1½ or 2½ baths, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a 1-car garage. Each comparable has a full or partial basement, however the appellant did not disclose whether the basements were finished. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$35,300 to \$41,003 or from \$18.50 to \$21.48 per square foot of living area. The appellant's evidence also included a brief requesting a reduction to the subject's improvement assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$52,000. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$39,733 or \$23.50 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 located within the same block or within ¼ of a mile from the subject and in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables consist of 2-story, class 2-05 dwellings of frame, masonry, or frame and masonry construction ranging in size from 1,538 to 1,896 square feet of living area and ranging in age from 81 to 84 years old. The comparables each feature 1½ or 2½ baths, a full or partial basement, (one finished with formal recreation room), one or two fireplaces, and a 1-car or a 2-car garage. Three comparables have central air conditioning. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$38,219 to \$56,128 or from \$23.96 to \$29.60 per square foot of living area.

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 a total of eight equity comparables in support of their positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board gave reduced weight to appellant's comparables due to lack of information with regard to their basement finishes making it less reliable to conduct a meaningful comparative analysis with the subject property. The Board also gave less weight to board of review comparable #1 based on its finished basement, dissimilar to the subject's unfinished basement. On this record, the Board finds the best evidence of equity in assessment to be board of review comparables #2, #3, and #4 which all have unfinished basements like the subject, and are overall similar to the subject in location, bathroom count, dwelling size, garage size, and some features. The best comparables in the record have improvement assessments ranging from \$38,219 to \$56,128 or from \$24.49 to \$29.60 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$39,733 or \$23.50 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best equity comparables in the record in terms of overall improvement assessment and is below the range on a per square foot of living area basis. After considering adjustments to the best comparables for any differences from the subject, the Board finds that the appellant did not establish by clear and convincing evidence that the subject

dwelling is inequitably assessed and, therefore, a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment is not warranted.

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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