



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

APPELLANT: Karoline Axler
DOCKET NO.: 22-25383.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 05-26-103-006-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Karoline Axler, the appellant, by attorney Katherine Amari O'Dell, of Amari & Locallo 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: \$24,080
IMPR.: \$100,920
TOTAL: \$125,000

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 two-story dwelling of masonry exterior construction with 4,241 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 97 years old. Features of the home include a full basement with finished area, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a two-car garage. The property has an 8,600 square foot site and is located in Wilmette, New Trier Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-06 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation. In support of this argument the appellant submitted evidence disclosing the subject property was purchased on July 22, 2019 for a price of \$950,000. The appellant reported that the seller was the Laura N. Hine Revocable Trust, the parties to the transaction were not related, and the property sold through a realtor. The appellant also indicated the property was advertised for sale through the Multiple Listing Service (MLS)

for a period of six days. The appellant also submitted a copy of the MLS sheet and settlement statement, confirming the sale price and sale date, and disclosing commissions paid to Compass Banker and ReMax. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to reflect the purchase price.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$125,000. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$1,250,000 or \$294.74 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 10% level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales located within the subject's assessment neighborhood, one of which is located .25 of a mile from the subject and three of which are on the same block as the subject. The comparables consist of two-story class 2-06 dwellings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 2,524 to 4,779 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 84 to 106 years old. Each dwelling has one or two fireplaces, a full basement, and a two-car garage. Two comparables have central air conditioning. The parcels range in size from 8,600 to 14,022 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from May 2019 to March 2022 for prices ranging from \$930,000 to \$1,305,000 or from \$252.03 to \$517.04 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. 86 Ill. Admin. Code §1910.63(e). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal of the subject property, a recent sale, comparable sales, or construction costs. 86 Ill. Admin. Code §1910.65(c). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value in the record to be the board of review comparable sales #2, #3, and #4, which sold proximate to the January 1, 2022 assessment date at issue and are similar to the subject in age, location, design, and some features. The comparables sold from January 2021 to March 2022 for prices ranging from \$930,000 to \$1,305,000 or from \$252.03 to \$517.04 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$1,250,000 or \$294.74 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. The Board gave little weight to the subject's sale, as well as board of review comparable #1, which sold less proximate in time to the assessment date at issue. Based on this evidence and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds 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



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: _____

August 19, 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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