



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

APPELLANT: Steven Brown  
DOCKET NO.: 22-29444.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 10-11-416-026-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Steven Brown, the appellant(s), by attorney Max E. Callahan, of Siegel & Callahan, P.C. 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 A Reduction 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:** \$16,740  
**IMPR.:** \$35,260  
**TOTAL:** \$52,000

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

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 99-year-old, two-story, single-family dwelling of frame construction with 2,048 square feet of living area. The property has a 7,440 square foot site and is located in Evanston, Evanston Township, Cook County. The property is a class 2-05 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

Appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, appellant submitted an appraisal estimating the subject property had a market value of \$520,000 after appropriate adjustments, as of January 1, 2022. The appraiser utilized the sales comparison approach based on three sale comparables that sold between January and September of 2021 for prices ranging from \$449,000 to \$585,000. Appellant also submitted a copy of the board of review's written decision providing for a total assessed valuation for the subject

property of \$65,000. Based on this evidence, appellant requests the subject property's total assessment be reduced to \$52,000.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$65,000. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$650,000 or \$317.38 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the level of assessments for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10%.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted three comparable sales properties. Each of the comparable properties were improved with a two-story, single-family dwelling, of either stucco, frame, or frame and masonry construction. They ranged in living square foot area from 1,964 to 2,117. They sold between February of 2021 and July of 2021 for prices ranging from \$726,000 to \$899,000, or \$355.53 to \$424.86 per square foot of living area, including land.

In rebuttal, appellant contends it established the market value of the subject based on its previously submitted professional appraisal report whereas the board of review's comparables are unadjusted and unpersuasive.

### **Conclusion of Law**

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 appellant *did meet* this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment *is* warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be *the appraisal submitted by appellant*. The appraiser utilized the sales comparison approach based on three sales comparables. After the appraiser made appropriate adjustments, the appraiser estimated the market value of the subject property to be \$520,000 as of January 1, 2022. The subject's assessment of \$65,000 reflects a market value above the best evidence of market value in the record. The Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$520,000 as of the assessment date at issue. Since market value has been established the level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10% shall apply. (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(c)(2)).

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:

September 16, 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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