



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

APPELLANT: Jesus Arredondo
DOCKET NO.: 22-35279.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-24-206-043-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jesus Arredondo, the appellant(s), by attorney Brian S. Maher, of Weis, DuBrock, Doody & Maher 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: \$3,848
IMPR.: \$12,432
TOTAL: \$16,280

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 two improvements on a single parcel of land. One improvement is an approximately 135-year-old two-story dwelling of masonry construction with 973 square feet of living area. The second improvement is an approximately 135-year-old two-story dwelling of masonry construction with 1,815 square feet of living area. Both improvements do not have a garage, while both have a full basement. The improvements have a 3,275 square foot site and are located in Chicago, West Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-11 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables each for each separate improvement. For the 973 square foot improvement, the appellant did not state the distance of these comparables to the subject. The comparables are 102- to 129-year-old one- to two-story

class 2-11 residences with masonry construction. The comparables have between 1,260 and 1,588 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments between \$3.23 and \$4.25 per square foot of living area. For the 1,815 square foot improvement, the appellant did not state the distance of these comparables to the subject. The comparables are 118- to 129-year-old 1.5- to two-story class 2-11 residences with masonry construction. The comparables have between 1,588 and 1,760 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments between \$1.90 and \$3.23 per square foot of living area. The appellant is requesting a total cumulative assessment of \$16,280.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal". The total assessment for both improvements is \$34,361. Both improvements have an improvement assessment of \$30,513 or \$24.99 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review did not submit any equity comparables. The board of review simply asserts without support that the appellant is misstating the square footage and nature of both improvements. Because the board of review did not provide any evidentiary support, the Board accepts the representations of the appellant.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer asserts assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. The Illinois Constitution requires that real estate taxes, "be levied uniformly by valuation ascertained as the General Assembly shall provide by law." Ill. Const. art. IX, §4 (1970); Walsh v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 181 Ill. 2d 228, 234 (1998). This uniformity provision of the Illinois Constitution does not require absolute equality in taxation, however, and it is sufficient if the taxing authority achieves a reasonable degree of uniformity. Peacock v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 339 Ill. App. 3d 1060, 1070 (4th Dist. 2003).

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); Walsh, 181 Ill. 2d at 234 (1998). Clear and convincing evidence means more than a preponderance of the evidence, but it does not need to approach the degree of proof needed for a conviction of a crime. Bazyldo v. Volant, 164 Ill. 2d 207, 213 (1995). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not fewer 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds to be the appellant's comparables since the board of review did not provide any comparables. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$3.23 to \$4.25 for the 973 square foot improvement and \$1.90 to \$3.23 per square foot of living area for the 1,815 square foot improvement. The subject's improvement assessment of \$17.63 per square foot of living area for the 973 square foot improvement and \$7.36 per square foot of living area for the 1,815 square foot improvement both fall above the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record the Board finds the appellant did demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment is 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:

March 17, 2026



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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