



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

APPELLANT: Ana Castellanos
DOCKET NO.: 22-36289.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-01-401-003-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ana Castellanos, the appellant, by attorney Kyle Gordon Kamego, 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 **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: \$13,500
IMPR.: \$36,418
TOTAL: \$49,918

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 is improved with a 3-story, mixed-use building of masonry exterior construction with 5,225 square feet of building area.¹ The building was built in 1900 and is approximately 122 years old. Features include a partial basement and central air conditioning. The property has a 3,000 square foot site is located in Chicago, West Chicago Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-12 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 comparables located in the subject's assessment neighborhood. The comparables are improved

¹ The only description of the subject property was provided by the appellant and was unrefuted by the board of review.

with 2-story or 3-story, class 2-12 buildings of masonry or frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 4,444 to 5,841 square feet of building area. The buildings range in age from 101 to 126 years old. Each comparable has a partial basement and central air conditioning. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$27,153 to \$44,102 or from \$6.11 to \$7.70 per square foot of building area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$36,418.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$62,092. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$48,592 or \$9.30 per square foot of building area.

The board of review did not submit any suggested equity comparables in support of its contention of the correct assessment.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The appellant submitted four suggested equity comparables for the Board's consideration, as the board of review failed to provide any suggested comparables. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1 and #4 which have a dissimilar 2-story design, in contrast to the subject's 3-story design, and/or are less similar to the subject in building size than other comparables in this record.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparables #2 and #3 as they are overall more similar to the subject in location, design/class, age, building size, and most features. These comparables have improvement assessments of \$35,938 and \$44,102 or \$6.53 and \$7.55 per square foot of building area, respectively. The subject's improvement assessment of \$48,592 or \$9.30 per square foot of building area exceeds the improvement assessments of the two best comparables in this record and appears to be excessive. After considering appropriate adjustments to the two best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the appellant demonstrated that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment, commensurate with the appellant's request, 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: _____

July 21, 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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