



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

APPELLANT: Teresa Fiorante
DOCKET NO.: 22-37404.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 12-36-224-039-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Teresa Fiorante, the appellant, by attorney George N. Reveliotis, of Reveliotis Law, P.C. in Park Ridge; 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: \$8,259
IMPR.: \$21,223
TOTAL: \$29,482

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 1.5-story dwelling of masonry construction with 1,553 square feet of living area that is approximately 73 years old. The dwelling features 1½ baths, a full unfinished basement, and a 1-car garage.¹ The property has a 6,118 square foot site and is located in Elmwood Park, Leyden Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-03 property² under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales located within the same assessment

¹ There being a slight discrepancy between the parties with respect to the description of some of the subject's characteristics, the Board will adopt the board of review's description which was not contested by the appellant via a rebuttal filing.

² One-story residence, any age, with 1,000 to 1,800 square feet of living area.

neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging from 3,655 to 6,250 square feet of land area that are improved with 1.5-story, class 2-03 dwellings of masonry construction. The dwellings range in size from 1,550 to 1,762 square feet of living area and range in age from 62 to 96 years old. Each comparable has a full or partial basement with undisclosed finish area, central air conditioning, and a 1-car or a 2-car garage. The comparables sold from March to December 2020 for prices ranging from \$216,000 to \$265,000 or from \$123.22 to \$152.30 per square foot of living area, including land. Appellant's counsel also submitted copies of the deeds for each comparable sale and a brief requesting a reduction to the subject's total assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$29,482. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$294,820 or \$189.84 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the 10% level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted a grid analysis with information on four comparables, three of which contain sales data.³ The comparable sales are located within the same "subarea" or within ¼ of a mile of the subject, two of which are located within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging from 4,250 to 6,573 square feet of land area that are improved with 1-story or 1.5-story, class 2-03 dwellings of masonry or frame and masonry construction. The comparables range in size from 1,441 to 1,542 square feet of living area and range in age from 73 to 96 years old. Each comparable has two full baths, a full or partial basement, (two of which are finished with a recreation room), and a 1-car or a 2-car garage. Two comparables have central air conditioning and 1 or 2 fireplaces. The comparables sold from January 2020 to April 2022 for prices ranging from \$315,000 to \$329,500 or from \$204.28 to \$228.66 per square foot of living area, land included.

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 record contains a total of seven comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to appellant's comparable sales #1, #3, and #4 based on their larger dwelling sizes relative to that of the subject. Additionally, the Board gave less weight to board of review comparable #2 due to its location being outside of the subject's assessment neighborhood code. The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparable #2, along with board of review comparables #1 and #4 which are most similar overall to the subject in location,

³ The board of review comparable #3 does not contain sales data and will not be considered further in the Board's analysis as it is not responsive to the appellant's market value appeal.

dwelling size, age, and other amenities. However, two of these comparables have central air conditioning and one has a finished basement, both features that the subject lacks, suggesting that adjustments are necessary to the comparables in order to make them more equivalent to the subject.

The best comparables in the record sold from December 2020 to April 2022 for prices ranging from \$230,000 to \$329,500 or from \$148.39 to \$228.66 per square foot of living area, land included. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$294,820 or \$189.84 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls well within the range established by the best comparable sales in the record both in terms of overall market value and on a per square foot of living area basis. After considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the subject is not overvalued and, therefore, a reduction in the subject's 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



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.

PARTIES OF RECORD

AGENCY

State of Illinois
Property Tax Appeal Board
William G. Stratton Building, Room 402
401 South Spring Street
Springfield, IL 62706-4001

APPELLANT

Teresa Fiorante, by attorney:
George N. Reveliotis
Reveliotis Law, P.C.
1030 Higgins Road
Suite 101
Park Ridge, IL 60068

COUNTY

Cook County Board of Review
County Building, Room 601
118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60602