



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

APPELLANT: Christine Griffith  
DOCKET NO.: 22-38537.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 09-27-421-003-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Christine Griffith, the appellant, by attorney Andreas Mamalakis, of the Law Offices of Andreas Mamalakis in Kenosha; 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:** \$10,806  
**IMPR.:** \$28,193  
**TOTAL:** \$38,999

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-story dwelling of frame and masonry exterior construction with 1,355 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 63 years old. Features include a crawl space foundation, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and a 2-car garage. The property has an 8,313 square foot site and is located in Park Ridge, Maine Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-03 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 five equity comparables located within the same assessment neighborhood as the subject. The comparables are improved with 1-story, class 2-03 dwellings of frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,320 to 1,622 square feet of living area. The homes are each 68 years old.

One comparable has a full basement and four comparables have either a crawl space or a slab foundation. Four comparables each have central air conditioning. Each comparable has one or two fireplaces. Four comparables each have from a 1-car to a 2-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$17,907 to \$27,219 or from \$13.57 to \$16.78 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" depicting a final assessment of \$39,000. However, the appellant's submission included a copy of the "Cook County Board of Review" final decision for the 2022 tax year disclosing the subject has a total assessment of \$38,999. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$28,193 or \$20.81 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables located within the same assessment neighborhood as the subject. The comparables are improved with 1-story, class 2-03 dwellings of masonry or frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,286 to 1,496 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 60 to 70 years old. Three comparables each have a full or partial basement and one comparable has a crawl space foundation. Two comparables each have central air conditioning. Three comparables each have one fireplace. Each comparable has a 2-car or a 2.5-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$28,355 to \$32,420 or from \$20.95 to \$25.21 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's 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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The record contains nine suggested equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #4, and #5 as well as board of review comparables #3 and #4 which are less similar to the subject in dwelling size than other comparables in this record and/or lack central air conditioning, which the subject features. Further, the appellant's comparable #1 lacks a garage amenity, which the subject features.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparables #2 and #3 as well as the board of review comparables #1 and #2 which are similar to the subject in design/class, age, and dwelling size with varying degrees of similarity in basement foundation which would require appropriate adjustments to make them more equivalent to the subject. The best comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$22,188 to \$32,420 or from \$15.26 to \$25.21 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$28,193 or

\$20.81 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. After considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not justified.

The constitutional provision for uniformity of taxation and valuation does not require mathematical equality. A practical uniformity, rather than an absolute one, is the test. Apex Motor Fuel Co. v. Barrett, 20 Ill.2d 395 (1960). Although the comparables presented by the parties disclosed that the properties located in the same area are not assessed at identical levels, all that the constitution requires is a practical uniformity, which exists on the basis of the evidence in this record.

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



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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: January 20, 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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