

# FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Dragos Aldea
DOCKET NO.: 22-43386.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 13-01-210-003-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Dragos Aldea, 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:** \$12,379 **IMPR.:** \$54,625 **TOTAL:** \$67,004

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 multi-family building of masonry exterior construction with 7,155 square feet of building area. The building is approximately 94 years old. Features of the building include a full unfinished basement. The property has a 4,125 square foot site and is located in Chicago, Jefferson 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 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 neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are class 2-11 properties with sites ranging in size from 4,092 to 5,580 square feet of land area and are improved with 2-story multi-family buildings of masonry or frame exterior construction ranging in size from 4,560 to 6,670 square feet of building area. The buildings are 93 to 100 years old and have full basements. Each

comparable has a 2-car to a 3.5-car garage. The comparables sold in July 2019 to December 2022 for prices ranging from \$150,000 to \$500,000 or from \$32.89 to \$96.97 per square foot of building area, including land.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The appellant submitted the board of review final decision disclosing a total assessment of \$67,004.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal". The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$670,040 or \$93.65 per square foot of building area, including land when applying the level of assessment 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 information on four comparables with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are class 2-11 properties that have sites containing 4,125 square feet of land area and are improved with 3-story multi-family buildings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 5,346 to 6,354 square feet of building area. The comparables are 94 years old and have full basements, two of which are finished with an apartment. Three comparables have central air conditioning. Each comparable has a 2-car or a 3-car garage. The comparables sold from September 2019 to November 2022 for prices ranging from \$680,000 to \$830,000 or from \$107.02 to \$136.49 per square foot of building area, including land. Based on this evidence the board review requests confirmation of the subject's assessment.

# **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 eight comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparable sales #2, #3 and #4 as well as board of review comparables #1 and #2 due to differences in building size and/or they sold in 2019 or 2020 which is less proximate in time to the January 1, 2022, assessment date than the other sales in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparable #1 along with board of review comparables #3 and #4 which sold more proximate in time to the assessment date and overall are more similar to the subject in location, age, building size and features. These comparables sold from January to December 2022 for prices ranging from \$500,000 to \$830,000 or from \$74.96 to \$136.49 per square foot of building area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$670,040 or \$93.65 per square foot of building area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for

differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the appellant did not prove by a preponderance of the evidence that 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.

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# **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 21, 2025
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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 <u>PETITION AND EVIDENCE</u> 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

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