



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

APPELLANT: James Kolar
DOCKET NO.: 22-43947.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 12-14-105-025-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are James Kolar, 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: \$12,600
IMPR.: \$22,660
TOTAL: \$35,260

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 masonry exterior construction with 1,275 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 64 years old and features a full basement, central air conditioning, and a 2-car garage. The property has a 6,300 square foot site and is located in Chicago, Jefferson 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 overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales located within the subject's assessment neighborhood. The comparables consist of 1-story class 2-03 dwellings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,186 to 1,662 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 47 to 62 years old. Each dwelling has a full basement, central air conditioning, and a 1-car or 2-car garage. The parcels range in size from 5,000 to 5,200 square

feet of land area. The comparables sold from March 2020 to October 2022 for prices ranging from \$225,000 to \$360,000 or from \$189.71 to \$225.00 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced assessment of \$26,355, for an estimated market value of \$263,550 or \$206.71 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.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$35,260. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$352,600 or \$276.55 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the 10% level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on 16 comparable sales located in the subject's assessment neighborhood and within .25 of a mile of the subject.¹ The comparables consist of 1-story class 2-03 dwellings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,152 to 1,310 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 45 to 65 years old. Each dwelling has a 1-car, 1.5-car, or 2-car garage. 15 comparables each have a basement, two of which have finished area, and one comparable has a concrete slab foundation. 11 comparables have central air conditioning. The parcels range in size from 4,993 to 7,273 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from March 2019 to November 2022 for prices ranging from \$325,000 to \$480,000 or from \$282.12 to \$403.65 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested 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 parties submitted a total of 20 comparable sales to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board gives reduced weight to appellant comparables #3 and #4, as well as board of review comparables #1, #2, #5, #6, #15, and #16, which sold less proximate to the January 1, 2022 assessment date at issue in this appeal. The Board also gives less weight to board of review comparables #2, #7, #8, and #12 through #15, which differ from the subject in age, foundation, and/or lack central air conditioning, a feature of the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparable sales #1 and #2, along with board of review comparables #3, #4, #9, #10, and #11, which sold proximate to the assessment date at issue and are similar to the subject in age, dwelling size, and features.

¹ The comparables were presented on four grids; for ease of reference, the comparables have been renumbered #1 through #16.

These most similar comparables sold from June 2021 to November 2022 for prices ranging from \$225,000 to \$480,000 or from \$189.71 to \$403.65 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$352,600 or \$276.55 per square foot of living area, including land, which is 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 a reduction in the subject's assessment is not 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: _____

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.

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