FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Sergio & Mary Suarez
DOCKET NO.: 22-51624.001-C-1 through 22-51624.002-C-1
PARCEL NO.: See Below

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Sergio & Mary Suarez, the appellant(s), by attorney Daniel J. Farley, of the Law Offices of Terrence Kennedy Jr. in Chicago; 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:

DOCKET NO	PARCEL NUMBER	LAND	IMPRVMT	TOTAL
22-51624.001-C-1	15-10-103-036-0000	15,073	30,602	$45,675
22-51624.002-C-1	15-10-103-037-0000	6,143	682	$6,825

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 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) 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 two parcels of land totaling 8,150 square feet and improved with a 96-year-old, one-story, masonry, commercial restaurant building containing 2,824 square feet of building area. The property is located in Melrose Park, Proviso Township, Cook County and is classified as a class 5 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends overvaluation and a contention of law as the bases of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted an appraisal which estimated the subject's market value as of January 1, 2020, of $210,000. The appraiser utilized the sales comparison approach to value to estimate the subject's market value. The appraisal disclosed the subject was inspected on October 29, 2020 and opined its highest and best use is its continued use.

Under the sales comparison approach, the appraiser analyzed five comparables in arriving at the estimate of value. The sales properties are described as one-story, masonry, commercial restaurant buildings containing from 1,675 to 5,600 square feet of building area. They sold from May 2017 to January 2020 for prices ranging from $120,000 to $400,000 or from $61.93 to $74.29 per square foot of building area. After making adjustments for pertinent factors along with an adjustment for tax rate uncertainty, the appraiser opined a value for the subject under the sales comparison approach of $75.00 per square foot of building area or $210,000, rounded.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the subject's assessment of $60,010 which reflects a market value of $240,040 using the Cook County Real Estate Classification Ordinance level of assessment for class 5 property of 25%. No further evidence was submitted.

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 best evidence of market value to be the appraisal submitted by the appellant. The appellant's appraiser utilized the income and sales comparison approaches to value in determining the subject's market value. The current assessment reflects a market value above this value. The Board finds this appraisal to be persuasive because the appraisal discloses that the appraiser inspected the subject, reviewed the property's history, and used similar properties in the sales comparison approach. Therefore, the Board finds the subject property's market value of $210,000 as of the assessment date at issue. Since market value has been established the Cook County Real Estate Classification Ordinance level of assessment for class 5 property of 25% shall apply.

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:

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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: November 17, 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 9-215 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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