



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

APPELLANT: Mei Meiyi  
DOCKET NO.: 22-52875.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 17-31-312-037-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Mei Meiyi, the appellant, by Mary Kate Gorman, Attorney at Law, in Tinley Park, 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:

**LAND:** \$9,175  
**IMPR.:** \$20,125  
**TOTAL:** \$29,300

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 two-story townhome of masonry exterior construction with 1,727 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 13 years old. Features of the townhouse include a partial basement with finished area, central air conditioning, and a detached two-car garage. The property has a 3,670 square foot site and is located in Chicago, South Chicago Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-95 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 three comparable sales of two-story class 2-95 townhouses of masonry exterior construction which are either 8 or 12 years old with parcels ranging in size from 585 to 860 square feet of land area. The townhomes range in size from 1,394 to 1,927 square feet of living area and have either a partial basement or a concrete slab foundation. Features include central air conditioning and either a 1-car or a 1.5-car garage. The comparables sold from June

2020 to January 2021 for prices ranging from \$269,000 to \$310,000 or from \$155.68 to \$222.38 per square foot of living area, including land.

The appellant also reports that the subject property is an owner-occupied townhouse.

Based on the foregoing evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$29,300 or reflective of a market value of \$293,000, including land.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$35,000. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$350,000, including land, when applying the level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10%. As part of the "Notes on Appeal" the board of review reported that 2021 was the first year of the general assessment cycle and that no equalization factor was applied for tax year 2022.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted four comparable sales located in the same neighborhood code as the subject and two of which are in the subarea. The parcels range in size from 661 to 1,321 square feet of land area which are improved with two-story or three-story class 2-95 townhouses of masonry exterior construction that range in age from 7 to 16 years old. The townhomes range in size from 1,480 to 1,668 square feet of living area. Three comparables have full basements with finished area and one comparable has a concrete slab foundation. Features include central air conditioning and either a 1.5-car or a 2-car garage. The comparables sold from May to August 2022 for prices ranging from \$365,000 to \$435,000 or from \$232.34 to \$268.35 per square foot of living area, including land. As to the subject property, the board of review indicates the property sold in July 2021 for \$1.

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 Property Tax Appeal Board finds that the assessment as established by the Board for the 2021 tax year should be carried forward to the tax year at issue subject only to equalization as provided by section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code.

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) states in part:

If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel on which a residence occupied by the owner is situated, such reduced assessment, subject to equalization, shall remain in effect for the remainder of the general assessment period as provided in Sections 9-215 through

9-225, unless that parcel is subsequently sold in an arm's length transaction establishing a fair cash value for the parcel that is different from the fair cash value on which the Board's assessment is based, or unless the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board is reversed or modified upon review.

The Property Tax Appeal Board takes judicial notice that a decision has issued reducing the subject's assessment for the 2021 tax year. The record further indicates that the subject property is an owner-occupied dwelling and that 2021 and 2022 are within the same general assessment period. As of the issuance of this decision, the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board concerning tax year 2021 has not yet been reversed or modified upon review. The record does not disclose that a township equalization factor was applied in 2022 nor that the subject property was recently sold in an arm's length transaction establishing a different fair cash value. For these reasons, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted to reflect the assessment as established in the Board's prior 2021 decision.

For these reasons and based upon the provisions of the Property Tax Code, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that a reduction in the subject's assessment is 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: \_\_\_\_\_

June 17, 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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