



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

APPELLANT: Marc Jones
DOCKET NO.: 23-23225.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 12-13-107-016-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Marc Jones, the appellant, by Abby L. Strauss, attorney-at-law of Schiller Law P.C. 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 **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: \$6,552
IMPR.: \$25,928
TOTAL: \$32,480

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 2023 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 is improved with a one-story dwelling of masonry exterior construction containing 1,240 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 65 years old. Features of the property include a partial unfinished basement, one bathroom, and a 2-car garage. The property has a 5,040 square foot site located in Norridge, Norwood Park 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 inequity regarding the improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on five equity comparables composed of class 2-03 properties that are improved with one-story dwellings of masonry exterior construction that range in size from 1,248 to 1,606 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 68 to 70 years old. Each comparable has a slab foundation, one or

two bathrooms, and a 1-car, 1.5-car or 2-car garage. One comparable has central air conditioning, and one comparable has one fireplace. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and are located from .89 to 1.19 miles from the subject property. These properties have improvement assessments that range from \$14,500 to \$18,816 or from \$10.46 to \$12.17 per square foot of living area. The appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$14,148.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$32,480. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$25,928 or \$20.91 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 composed of class 2-03 properties improved with one-story dwellings of masonry exterior construction each with 1,072 square feet of living area. The comparables are either 64 or 65 years old. Each property has a full basement with two having finished area, one bathroom, and a 1.5-car or 2-car garage. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and are located along the same street and within the same block as the subject. Their improvement assessments range from \$23,048 to \$25,448 or from \$21.50 to \$23.74 per square foot of living area. The board of review contends the building assessed value per square foot for the comparables are the same or higher than the subject, which supports the assessed value as equitable.

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 parties submitted information on nine equity comparables with the same classification code and neighborhood code as the subject property to support their respective positions. The Board gives little weight to appellant's comparables #1, #2 and #4 as these properties are improved with dwellings that are the least similar to the subject dwelling in size being from 27.5% to 29.5% larger than the subject home. Appellant's comparables #3 and #5 are similar to the subject in size and age having 1,248 and 1,269 square feet of living area and being 71 and 70 years old, respectively. These two comparables have slab foundations, unlike the subject's partial basement, suggesting each would require an upward adjustment to make them more equivalent to the subject for this difference. Appellant's comparables #3 and #5 have improvement assessments of \$14,500 and \$15,440 or \$11.62 and \$12.17 per square foot of living area, respectively. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$25,928 or \$20.91 per square foot of living area, which is above the two best comparables provided by the appellant but is justified in part due to differences from the subject in foundation.

The Board finds the best comparables in the record in terms of location are the board of review comparables that are located along the same street and within the same block as the subject property. Each comparable has a smaller home than the subject property suggesting each would require an upward adjustment to make them more equivalent to the subject in size. Conversely, each comparable has a full basement, with two having finished area, unlike the subject's partial unfinished basement, suggesting each would require a downward adjustment to make them more equivalent to the subject for this difference. The board of review comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$23,048 to \$25,448 or from \$21.50 to \$23.74 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$25,928 or \$20.91 per square foot of living area falls above the range on an overall improvement assessment but is below the range on a per square foot of living area basis as established by the board of review comparables, which is appropriate given the differences from the subject dwelling in size.

Based on this record 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.

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: _____

October 21, 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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