FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Rodney and Fida Barakat
DOCKET NO.: 23-34178.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 08-09-314-022-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Rodney and Fida Barakat, the appellant(s), by attorney Angel Carpio, of Worsek & Vihon LLP 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:

LAND:	$9,467
IMPR.:	$23,033
TOTAL:	$32,500

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 consists of a 51-year-old, two-story, single-family dwelling of frame and masonry construction with 2,744 square feet of living area. Features of the home include an unfinished partial basement, central air conditioning, and a two-car garage. The property has a 9,467 square foot site and is located in Arlington Heights, Elk Grove Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a Class 2-78 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation. In support of this argument the appellant submitted evidence disclosing the subject property was purchased on December 18, 2020, for a price of $325,000. The appellant answered the questions in Section IV of the residential appeal, and submitted a warranty deed, a Multiple Listing Service closing data sheet, and a closing disclosure form. The answers from Section IV of the residential appeal indicated that the sale of

the subject property was not between family members, was sold using a realtor, was advertised on the Multiple Listing Service for six months before the sale, and was not due to a foreclosure action. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to reflect 10% of the purchase price.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of $41,929. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of $419,290 or $152.80 per square foot of building area, land included, when using the Cook County Real Estate Classification Ordinance level of assessment for class 2 property of 10%. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four sales comparables. These comparables were sold between February 2023 and October 2023 for prices between $205.70 and $240.53 per square foot.

This case was scheduled for hearing before a PTAB Administrative Law Judge for September 18, 2026; however, the parties entered into a written agreement to waive hearing and have a decision rendered based on the previously submitted evidence. The PTAB accepted the waiver and agreed to write the decision based on the previously submitted evidence.

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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the purchase of the subject property in December 2020 for a price of $325,000. The appellant provided evidence demonstrating the sale had the elements of an arm's length transaction. The appellant completed Section IV - Recent Sale Data of the appeal disclosing the parties to the transaction were not related, the property was sold using a realtor, the property had been advertised on the open market with the Multiple Listing Service and it had been on the market for six months. In further support of the transaction the appellant submitted a warranty deed, a Multiple Listing Service closing data sheet, and a closing disclosure form. There was no evidence from the parties that the subject was sold pursuant to a short sale or foreclosure action. The board of review did not challenge the arm’s length nature of the sale. The Board finds the purchase price was below the market value reflected by the assessment. Based on this record, the Board finds the subject property had a market value of $325,000 as of January 1, 2023, and that a reduction in the subject’s assessment is justified. Since market value has been determined, the 10.00% level of assessment for Class 2 property under the Cook County Property Assessment Classification Ordinance 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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