



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

APPELLANT: Thomas Schrickel  
DOCKET NO.: 23-43129.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 17-04-221-056-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Thomas Schrickel, the appellant, by attorney Kelly J. Keeling, of KBC Law Group 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:** \$37,450  
**IMPR.:** \$132,310  
**TOTAL:** \$169,760

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 3-story dwelling of masonry exterior construction with 3,726 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 126 years old. Features of the home include a full basement with finished area, central air conditioning, and a fireplace.<sup>1</sup> The property has a 1,498 square foot site and is located in Chicago, North Chicago Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-06 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance. The appellant reported that this is an owner-occupied dwelling.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity

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<sup>1</sup> The board of review reported that the subject has a finished basement, which was not refuted by the appellant in rebuttal.

comparables located within the subject's assessment neighborhood and within .71 of a mile of the subject. The comparables consist of 2-story or 3-story class 2-06 dwellings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 2,674 to 4,014 square feet of living area. The homes are 80 to 135 years old. Each dwelling has a basement and two comparables have central air conditioning. One comparable each has four fireplaces and two comparables each have either a 2-car or 2.5-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$76,319 to \$122,250 or from \$20.12 to \$31.67 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced improvement assessment of \$101,273 or \$27.18 per square foot of living area.

The Board takes judicial notice that this property was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board a prior year under Docket No. 21-45291.001-R-1 where the Board issued a decision lowering the assessment of the subject property to \$169,760 based on the evidence submitted by the parties.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$175,000. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$137,550 or \$36.92 per square foot of living area. The board of review also disclosed that 2021 was the first year of the general assessment cycle and no equalization factor was applied in North Chicago Township for 2023.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three equity comparables located within the subject's assessment neighborhood and within .25 of a mile of the subject. The comparables consist of 2-story or 3-story class 2-06 dwellings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 3,142 to 4,098 square feet of living area. The homes are 132 to 138 years old. Two comparables have central air conditioning and two comparables each have one or four fireplaces. Two comparables each have a basement with finished area, and one comparable has a concrete slab foundation. Each comparable has either a 1.5-car or 2-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$178,629 to \$219,500 or from \$45.59 to \$56.85 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The taxpayer 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, pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted. In pertinent part, section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides:

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 Board finds that the subject property was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board for the 2021 tax year under Docket No. 21-45291.001-R-1 in which a decision was issued based upon the evidence presented by the parties reducing the subject's assessment to \$169,760. The record indicates that the subject property is an owner-occupied dwelling. The Board also finds that the 2021 and 2023 tax years are within the same general assessment period and no equalization factor was applied in North Chicago Township in 2023. Furthermore, the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board for the 2021 tax year has not yet been reversed or modified upon review and there was no evidence the subject property recently sold as of the January 1, 2023 assessment date in order to establish a different fair cash value. Therefore, applying section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code would result in a reduced total assessment of \$169,760 which is less than the 2022 assessment of the subject property of \$175,000.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

May 20, 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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