



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

APPELLANT: Shantay Mason
DOCKET NO.: 23-44590.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 31-35-418-002-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Shantay Mason, the appellant, 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: \$2,940
IMPR.: \$4,590
TOTAL: \$7,530

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 multi-level, single-family dwelling of frame construction. The building is 69 years old, it has 1,369 square feet of living area, and it is located on an 8,400 square foot site in Park Forest, Rich Township, Cook County. Its features include a partial, finished basement, central air conditioning, a carport, one full bathroom, and a half bath. The subject is classified as a class 2-34 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant asserts overvaluation as the ground for the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information about recent sales of three suggested comparable properties. Those suggested comparables were sold between October 10, 2023, and October 23, 2023, for amounts ranging from \$51,999 to \$80,000, or between \$35.35 and \$69.60 per square foot of living area, land included in the sales prices.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject as \$16,000. This assessment reflects a value for the subject property of \$160,000, or \$116.87 per square foot of living area, land included, under a Cook County ordinance establishing a 10% level of assessment for residential property. In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information about four suggested comparable properties, including assessment information, but did not include sales information about any of them.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant asserts overvaluation as a ground for appeal. When market value is the basis of the appeal, the taxpayer must prove the value of the property by a preponderance of the evidence. 86 Ill. Admin. Code §1910.63(e); Winnebago County Bd. of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Bd., 313 Ill. App. 3d 1038, 1043 (2d Dist. 2000). 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 that the appellant met this burden of proof.

This Board finds that the best evidence of the subject property's value is the three sales comparables submitted by the appellant. In contrast, the board of review did not submit sales data about any of its four comparables.

Like the subject property, the appellant's three sales comparables have single-family homes of frame construction with central air conditioning and either a carport or a garage. Their dwellings are similar in age to the subject dwelling, and their lots are similar in size to the subject lot. These comparables have the same neighborhood code as the subject, and two are in the same subarea as the subject.

The appellant's suggested comparable properties sold for between \$35.35 and \$69.60 per square foot of living area, land included in the sales prices. The subject's assessment reflects a value of \$116.87 per square foot of living area, land included. This is above the range suggested by the appellant's comparables, which are the best evidence in the record of the subject's value. This Board concludes from the evidence that the subject's value as of January 1, 2023, the relevant valuation date, is \$75,300, or approximately \$55.00 per square foot of living area. Accordingly, the appellant has met the applicable burden of showing entitlement to relief by a preponderance of the evidence, and an assessment reduction 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: _____

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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