



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

APPELLANT: Munther Salim
DOCKET NO.: 24-21755.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 28-10-228-010-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Munther Salim, the appellant, by attorney Michael R. O'Malley, of Schmidt Salzman & Moran, Ltd. 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: \$3,256
IMPR.: \$34,816
TOTAL: \$38,072

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 2024 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 2-story multi-family building of masonry exterior construction with 3,692 square feet of gross building area. The building is approximately 63 years old and features a basement and 6 full and 5 half bathrooms.¹ The property has an 8,140 square foot site and is located in Midlothian, Bremen Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-11 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

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 five comparables located within the same assessment neighborhood as the subject. The comparables consist of class 2-11, 2-story or 3-story multi-family buildings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 2,728 to 5,482 square feet of gross building area. The buildings are from 47 to 77

¹ The board of review disclosed the subject has 6 full and 5 half bathrooms, which was unrefuted by the appellant.

years old. Each building has a basement with finished area and either 2 or 6 full bathrooms. Comparable #2 has a 2.5-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$18,995 to \$38,922 or from \$6.82 to \$7.20 per square foot of gross building area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced improvement assessment of \$25,880 or \$7.01 per square foot of gross building area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$38,072. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$34,816 or \$9.43 per square foot of gross building area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparables located within the subject's assessment neighborhood and within the same subarea or block as the subject. The comparables consist of class 2-11, 2-story buildings of masonry exterior construction containing 3,692 or 3,984 square feet of gross building area. The buildings are from 45 to 62 years old. Three buildings each have an unfinished basement, and one building has a slab foundation. Each building has from 4 to 6 full bathrooms. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$35,222 to \$39,679 or from \$9.54 to \$9.96 per square foot of gross building 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 the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted a total of nine equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables and the board of review's comparables #1 and #2 which are less similar to the subject in age and/or building size than the board of review's comparables. Moreover, the appellant's comparable #2 has a garage, which the subject lacks.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the board of review's comparables #3 and #4 which overall are most similar to the subject in location, age, building size and most features, except for differences in the dwellings' smaller bathroom counts and the board of review's comparable #4's lack of a basement foundation when compared to the subject. These two comparables have improvement assessments of \$35,222 and \$36,481 or from \$9.54 and \$9.88 per square foot of gross building area, respectively. The subject's improvement assessment of \$34,816 or \$9.43 per square foot of gross building area is bracketed by the two best comparables in the record on an overall basis and falls below them on a per square foot of living area basis. After considering adjustments to the two best comparables for differences from the subject, 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: _____

September 15, 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 9-125 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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