



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

APPELLANT: Peter Penzes
DOCKET NO.: 24-25968.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 05-27-308-002-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Peter Penzes, the appellant(s), by attorney Kyle Gordon Kamego, of Robert H. Rosenfeld & Associates, LLC in Northbrook; 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: \$24,200
IMPR.: \$75,295
TOTAL: \$99,495

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 an approximately 114-year-old two-story dwelling of stucco exterior with 2,382¹ square feet of living area. Features of the home include a full basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a two-car garage. The property has an 8,800 square foot site and is located in Wilmette, New Trier Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-06 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

¹ There is a discrepancy in the square footage. In Section III, the appellant stated the residence has 2,382 square feet. In the Section IV grid, the appellant stated the property has 2,832 square feet, which appears to be a typo where two of the numbers are switched. The board of review stated the property is 2,382 square feet. In a previous 2022 appeal (22-27067), the appellant stated the property has 2,382 square feet, which is the square feet amount that was considered in this decision.

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables. These comparables are located 0.3 to 0.8 miles away. The comparables are 92- to 125-year-old class 2-06 residences with stucco exterior. The comparables have between 2,431 and 2,855 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments between \$31.00 and \$31.64 per square foot. The appellant is requesting a total assessment of \$98,971.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$111,834. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$87,634 or \$36.79 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three equity comparables. These comparables located on the same block or 0.25 miles away. These are 102- to 114-year-old two story residences with stucco exterior. The comparables have 2,599 or 2,912 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments that are \$44.00 to \$53.10 per square foot. The board of review is requesting that the assessment be confirmed.

Conclusion of Law

The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that the assessment as established by the Board for the 2022 tax year should be carried forward to the tax year at issue subject only to equalization as provided by section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code.

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) states in part:

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. 35 ILCS 200/16-185.

Additionally, section 10-15 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act states: "Standard of proof. Unless otherwise provided by law or stated in the agency's rules, the standard of proof in any contested case hearing conducted under this Act by an agency shall be the preponderance of the evidence." 5 ILCS 100/10-15. The Board takes official notice that under 22-27067.001-R-1 it rendered a decision lowering the subject's assessment for tax year 2022 (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.90(i)), and that tax year 2022 and the instant tax year of 2024 are in the same general assessment period for the New Trier Township. The Board further finds that the subject is owner-occupied based on the appellant's statement in Section II of the 2024 appeal form. The record contains no evidence indicating that the subject sold in an arm's-length transaction subsequent to the Board's decision for the 2022 tax year, or that the Board's decision for the 2022 tax year was reversed or modified upon review. For these reasons the Board finds that a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted to reflect the assessment as established in the Board's 2022 tax year decision, plus the application of an equalization factor, if any.

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:

November 25, 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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