



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

APPELLANT: Soda Pop Lofts LP
DOCKET NO.: 24-26607.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 17-21-305-037-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Soda Pop Lofts LP, the appellants, by Michael R. Davies, attorney-at-law of Ryan Law, PLLC 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: \$9,250
IMPR.: \$46,565
TOTAL: \$55,815

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 three-story multi-family building of frame construction containing 3,795 square feet of building area. The building is approximately 137 years old. Features of the property include a slab foundation and three bathrooms. The property has a 2,500 square foot site located in Chicago, West Chicago Township, Cook County. The subject is a class 2-11 apartment building under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends inequity regarding the improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on five equity comparables composed of class 2-11 properties improved with two-story multi-family buildings of frame construction that range in size from 3,854 to 4,219 square feet of building area. The buildings are from 132 to 146 years old. Two comparables have full basements, one comparable

has a partial basement and two comparables have slab foundations. The comparables have three, four or six bathrooms. One comparable has central air conditioning and three comparables have a 1-car, 2-car or 2.5-car garage. The comparables have the same neighborhood code as the subject and are from .87 of a mile to 2.64 miles from the subject property. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$36,438 to \$44,438 or from \$9.11 to \$10.77 per square foot of building area. The appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$38,443.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$55,815. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$46,565 or \$12.27 per square foot of building area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables consisting of class 2-11 properties improved with three-story multi-family buildings of masonry exterior construction that range in size from 3,496 to 3,906 square feet of building area. The buildings are 137 or 142 years old. Each comparable has a full basement, with one being finished with an apartment, and three or four bathrooms. These properties have the same neighborhood code as the subject and are located ¼ of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$48,953 to \$56,028 or from \$13.49 to \$14.79 per square foot of building area. The board of review asserted the building assessed value per square foot for the comparables are the same or higher than the subject, which supports the assessed value as equitable.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant 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 Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the board of review comparables that are more like the subject property in location and style than are the comparables submitted by the appellant. These comparables have varying degrees of similarity to the subject property and would require adjustments to make them more equivalent to the subject property. Each comparable has a full basement, unlike the subject's slab foundation, indicating downward adjustments to the comparables would be appropriate to make them more equivalent to the subject for this difference. Additionally, one comparable has one more bathroom than the subject suggesting a downward adjustment for this difference would be proper. The board of review comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$48,953 to \$56,028 or from \$13.49 to \$14.79 per square foot of building area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$46,565 or \$12.27 per square foot of building area falls below the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record, after considering the appropriate adjustments to the best comparables for differences for 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: _____

October 20, 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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