FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Wescott Jeffrey
DOCKET NO.: 24-27263.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 13-25-416-011-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Wescott Jeffrey, the appellant(s), by attorney Glenn L. Udell, of Brown, Udell, Pomerantz, DelRahim 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:	$19,530
IMPR.:	$39,470
TOTAL:	$59,000

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 land totaling 3,150 square feet improved with an approximately 17-year-old, multi-story mixed-used masonry constructed building containing 4,198 square feet of building area. The subject includes 2,100 square feet of commercial space and two apartment units. The property is in Chicago, West Chicago Township, Cook County and is classified as 2-12 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted an appraisal which estimated the subject's market value as of January 1, 2024, of $590,000 or $140.00 per square foot of building area. The appraiser utilized the sales approach to value to estimate the subject's market value as the property is primarily owner operated, not investment orientated, and costs estimates would be speculative. The appraiser opined that the highest and best use of the property is as currently improved.

Under the sales comparison approach, the appraiser analyzed seven sales. The sales properties are described as two or three-story, mixed-use retail/residential buildings ranging in size from 2,334 to 5,865 square feet of building area. They sold from June 2021 to November 2023 for prices ranging from $123.19 to $145.00 per square foot. After adjustments for pertinent factors, such as market conditions, size, age/condition, and land to ground floor area ratio, the appraiser opined a value for the subject under the sales comparison approach of $140.00 per square foot or $590,000, rounded.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the subject's assessment of $81,870 which reflects a market value of $818,700 or $195.02 per square foot when applying the level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10%.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review only submitted equity comparables and requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). 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 the appellant met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appraisal submitted by the appellant. The Board finds the appellant submitted what appears to be a credible appraisal report with reasonable and logical adjustments for differences from the subject which was not challenged by the board of review. The Board does not give any weight to the board of review's evidence of equity for this overvaluation appeal. The subject's current assessment reflects a market value of $818,700, which is higher than the appraised value. Based on the evidence presented, the Board finds the subject property is overvalued and a reduction commensurate with the appellant's request is warranted. Since market value has been established the level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance shall apply. (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(c)(2)).

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

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Member

Member

DISSENTING:

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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 17, 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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