FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Carol Sommers
DOCKET NO.: 24-28111.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 17-06-104-028-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Carol Sommers, the appellant, 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:	$71,640
IMPR.:	$78,360
TOTAL:	$150,000

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 is a 7,200 square foot site in Chicago, West Chicago Township, Cook County. The property consists of an approximately 140-year-old, two-story, dwelling of masonry construction with 3,300 square feet of living area, two bathrooms, a full basement, a patio, and a two-car garage. The property is a class 2-06 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

Appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, appellant submitted an appraisal estimating the subject property had a market value of $150,000 as of January 1, 2024. The appraiser utilized the sales comparison approach based on four comparable properties within 0.50 miles of the subject ranging in age from 13 to 134 years, in size from 2,465 to 2,882 square feet of living area and sold between June 2022 and January 2024 for prices ranging from $1,400,000 to $1,595,000, or from $498.22 to $635.90 per square feet of

living area, including land. Adjustments were made for site, condition, room count, gross living area, below grade finishes, heating and cooling, and modernization. Based on this evidence, appellant requests the subject property's total assessment be reduced to $150,000.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of $161,000. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of $1,610,000 or $487.88 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the level of assessments 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 submitted three comparable sales properties within a quarter mile or in the same subarea as the subject. The comparable properties were each improved with a two-story masonry or frame and masonry dwellings ranging in age from 131 to 147 years, ranging in size from 2,472 to 2,928 square feet of living area, and sold between April 2022 and June 2023 for prices ranging from $816,500 to $1,995,000, or from $330.30 to $681.35 per square feet of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

Conclusion of Law

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 appellant did meet 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 a credible appraisal report with reasonable and logical adjustments for differences from the subject. The subject's current assessment reflects a market value of $161,000, 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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