



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

APPELLANT: 2125 W Cortez Condominium
DOCKET NO.: 24-28780.001-R-1 through 24-28780.003-R-1
PARCEL NO.: See Below

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are 2125 W Cortez Condominium, the appellant(s), 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:

DOCKET NO	PARCEL NUMBER	LAND	IMPRVMT	TOTAL
24-28780.001-R-1	17-06-314-029-1001	14,607	16,262	\$30,869
24-28780.002-R-1	17-06-314-029-1002	14,608	16,263	\$30,871
24-28780.003-R-1	17-06-314-029-1003	14,607	16,263	\$30,870

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 three approximately 115-year-old condominium units in the same building with 1,000 square feet of living area each of masonry construction. Features of the home include a slab foundation and central air conditioning. The property has a 5,037 square foot site and is located in Chicago, West Chicago Township, Cook County. The subjects are classified as class 2-99 properties 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 information on five comparable sales. Comparables #1 and #2 will not be considered since the appellant did not indicate the square footage of living area for each comparable. The appellant did not state the distance of comparables #3, #4, and #5 to the subject

and also stated that only comparable #5 is located in the same general neighborhood as the subject. The comparables are 11- to 100-year-old class 2-99 condominium residences with masonry construction. The comparables were sold between July 2022 and March 2024 for sale prices between \$245,000 and \$258,000. The comparables have sale prices per square foot between \$250.00 and \$350.00. The appellant is requesting a total assessment of \$72,500.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted a condominium analysis regarding recent sales in the three appealed units. Per the analysis, two condominiums have recently sold totaling \$627,000. The board of review stated that based on these units comprising 66.63 percent of all units means the entire building would be worth \$940,507, which would equal the determined assessed value. The board of review then determined the value of each subject unit based on its ownership percentage of the building. The board of review is requesting that the current assessment be confirmed based on this analysis.

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 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 market value to be the condominium analysis completed by the board of review. This analysis was persuasive, because two out of three units sold recently and provided good evidence of value of all units. On the other hand, appellant's selected comparables are not located near the subjects, were smaller than the subjects, or newer units when compared to the subjects. Based on this evidence the Board finds 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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