



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

APPELLANT: Sofia Castillo
DOCKET NO.: 24-30809.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-20-412-030-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Sofia Castillo, the appellant, by attorney George N. Reveliotis, of Reveliotis Law, P.C. in Park Ridge; 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: \$4,470
IMPR.: \$25,530
TOTAL: \$30,000

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 a 2-story multi-family building of masonry exterior construction with 2,628 square feet of building area. The dwelling is approximately 60 years old. Features of the building include a full basement and a 2-car garage. The property has a 4,158 square foot site and is located in Cicero, Cicero Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-11 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 information on four comparables that have the same property classification code and assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables have sites that range in size from 3,780 to 4,481 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 1.5-story or 2-story buildings of masonry or frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,794 to 4,460 square feet of building area. The buildings are from 94 to 111 years old. Three comparables each have either a full or a partial basement two with finished area and one comparable has a crawl space foundation. Each comparable has one fireplace and either a 2-car

or 2.5-car garage. The properties sold from March 2022 to November 2024 for prices ranging from \$100,000 to \$395,000 or from \$55.74 to \$108.58 per square foot of building area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$22,044, reflecting a market value of \$220,440 or \$83.88 per square foot of building area, land included, when applying the level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the final total assessment for the subject of \$30,000. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$300,000 or \$114.16 per square foot of building area, including land, 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 submitted information on four comparable properties that have the same property classification code and assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables have sites of 3,813 or 4,158 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 2-story buildings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 2,444 to 2,666 square feet of living area. The buildings are from 101 to 104 years old. The comparables each have a full or partial basement three with finished area and a 2-car garage. Two comparables have central air conditioning. The properties sold from August 2022 to April 2024 for prices ranging from \$348,000 to \$415,000 or from \$137.01 to \$169.80 per square foot of building area, land included. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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 record contains eight comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparables which differ from the subject in building size. The Board has given reduced weight to board of review comparables #1 and #2 due to their central air conditioning amenity, a feature the subject lacks. The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be board of review comparables #3 and #4. The Board finds these two comparables are similar to the subject in building size, site size, age and some features. These two comparables sold in August 2022 and April 2024 for prices of \$348,000 and \$415,000 or \$137.01 and \$169.80 per square foot of building area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$300,000 or \$114.16 per square foot of building area, including land, which is below the two best comparable sales in the record. After considering adjustments to the two best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is supported. Therefore, based on this record, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted based on overvaluation.

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:

May 19, 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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