



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

APPELLANT: Megan Walls
DOCKET NO.: 24-37825.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 04-11-206-055-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Megan Walls, the appellant(s), by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, 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: \$6,501
IMPR.: \$30,506
TOTAL: \$37,007

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 two-story building of masonry construction, approximately fifty-four years-old, containing 1,991 square feet of living area on a 2,906 square foot site in Northbrook, Northfield Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as 2-95 under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance. Features of the property include a full finished basement, two full bathrooms and an attached one-car garage.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant presents information on three sales comparables with varying degrees of similarity to the subject property. The properties offered by the appellant as comparables are two-story, class 2-95 buildings of masonry or frame and masonry construction, ranging in age from fifty-three to fifty-five years-old. All have 1,991 square feet of living area, crawl spaces and one-car garages. All have two full bathrooms and one half bathroom. The comparables are all located within 200

feet of the subject property. The appellant's selected sales occurred between September 28, 2022, and June 12, 2023, with sales prices ranging from \$355,000 to \$370,000 and ranging in sales price per square foot from \$178.30 to \$185.84. Based on this evidence, the appellant is requesting an assessment amount of \$36,333.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" stating the total assessment for the subject property as \$38,001, corresponding to a market value of \$380,010 when applying the 10% Cook County Real Estate Classification Ordinance assessment for class two properties.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four sales comparables. The sales comparable properties are two-story buildings of masonry construction ranging in size from 1,760 to 2,085 square feet of living area. They are three or nine years of age. Three have full basements and one has a partial basement. The record is silent as to the proximity of the comparables to the subject property. The board of review's selected sales occurred from January 13, 2022, to January 10, 2024, for sale prices of \$600,000 to \$689,000 or \$287.77 and \$391.48 per square foot of living area.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer asserts assessment overvaluation based on comparable sales. When market value is the basis of the appeal, the value of the property must be proven by a preponderance of the evidence. 86 Ill. Admin. Code §1910.63(e); Winnebago County Bd. of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Bd., 313 Ill. App. 3d 1038, 1043 (2d Dist. 2000). Proof of market value may consist of a recent sale or appraisal of the subject property, comparable sales, or construction costs. 86 Ill. Admin. Code §1910.65(c). The Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) finds the appellant failed to satisfy this burden of proof.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value are the appellant's sales comparables. Although they lack basements, they are identical to the subject property in living area, age and location. They are all located within 200 feet of the subject property. In contrast, the appellant's comparable are considerably newer than the subject property and are of unknown proximity to the subject. The Board finds that these sales comparables are afforded less weight based on these factors. The best evidence sales comparables have a sales price per square foot ranging from \$178.30 to \$185.84. Because the subject property's implied market value of \$380,010, or \$190.86 per square foot, is above the range established by the best sales comparables in the record, the Board finds the appellant **did** demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that the subject assessment exaggerated the property's market value and a reduction in the subject's assessment *is* 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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