



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

APPELLANT: Geoffrey Greene
DOCKET NO.: 24-50989.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-33-300-116-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Geoffrey Greene, the appellant, 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:

LAND: \$22,568
IMPR.: \$89,201
TOTAL: \$111,769

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 improved with a 3-story townhome of stucco exterior construction with 2,300 square feet of living area. The townhome is approximately 35 years old. Features include a basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces, and a 1-car garage. The property has a 1,456 square foot site and is located in Chicago, North Chicago Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-95 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant content assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on five equity comparables located within the subject's assessment neighborhood. However, the appellant did not provide the proximities of the comparables to the subject property. The comparables are improved with 3-story, class 2-95 townhomes of masonry exterior construction ranging in size

from 2,179 to 2,378 square feet of living area. The homes are either 36 or 45 years old. Each comparable has a slab foundation, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and a 1-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$55,272 to \$66,288 or from \$25.08 to \$28.82 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$111,769. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$89,201 or \$38.78 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables located within the subject's assessment neighborhood and ¼ of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with 3-story, class 2-95 townhomes of masonry or frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,876 to 2,758 square feet of living area. The homes are either 31 or 49 years old. Each comparable has a slab or crawl space foundation, central air conditioning, and one or two fireplaces. Three comparables each have a 1-car or a 2-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$77,980 to \$107,772 or from \$39.05 to \$52.23 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the assessment be confirmed.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not less than three comparable properties showing the similarity, proximity, and lack of distinguishing characteristics of the assessment comparables to the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted nine suggested equity comparables for the Board's consideration, each of which lacks a basement foundation, which is a feature of the subject. Nevertheless, the Board gives less weight to board of comparables #1, #2, and #3 which are less similar to the subject in dwelling size than the other comparables in this record. The remaining comparables are located in the subject's assessment neighborhood and are similar to the subject in design/class, dwelling size, and features. Five comparables are older townhomes than the subject, each comparable lacks a basement foundation, which the subject features, eight comparables have one fireplace, compared to two fireplaces for the subject, and one comparable lacks a garage amenity, which is a feature of the subject. These forementioned comparables would require appropriate upward adjustments for these differences to make them more equivalent to the subject. The six most similar comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$55,272 to \$107,772 or from \$25.08 to \$41.89 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$89,201 or \$38.78 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. After considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with

clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and 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: _____

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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