



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

APPELLANT: Jacinto Padilla
DOCKET NO.: 25-00618.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 06-21-312-009

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jacinto Padilla, the appellant, by attorney Ronald Kingsley, of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Hawthorn Woods; and the Lake 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 **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$10,528
IMPR.: \$87,250
TOTAL: \$97,778

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Lake County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2025 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 tri-level dwelling of vinyl siding exterior construction with 1,044 square feet of living area.¹ The dwelling was constructed in 2007 and is approximately 18 years old. Features of the home include a 950 square foot finished lower level, central air conditioning and a 441 square foot garage. The property has a 5,131 square foot site and is located in Round Lake Park, Avon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on six comparable sales with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject, five of which are located within .61 of a mile from the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 4,186 to 8,141 square feet of land area that are

¹ The Board finds the best description of the subject property was found in the property record card submitted by the board of review.

improved with 1-story dwellings of wood frame exterior construction ranging in size from 896 to 1,112 square feet of living area. The dwellings are 19 to 57 years old. Each home has central air conditioning. Five comparables each have a garage ranging in size from 400 to 598 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from May 2023 to December 2024 for prices ranging from \$195,000 to \$290,720 or from \$217.63 to \$282.80 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's total assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$99,764. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$299,322 or \$286.71 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on two comparable sales with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and located within .36 of a mile from the subject. The comparables have sites with 4,800 or 5,001 that are improved with 1-story dwellings of vinyl siding exterior construction containing 960 or 975 square feet of living area. The dwellings are 22 or 42 years old and have basements/lower levels with finished area. One comparable has central air conditioning and a garage with 400 square feet of building area. The comparables sold in October 2023 and February 2024 for prices of \$277,500 and \$280,000 or for \$284.32 and \$291.67 per square foot of living area, including land. 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The record contains a total of eight comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to appellant's comparable sales #1, #2, #3 and #5 as well as board of review comparable #1 which sold in 2023, less proximate in time to the January 1, 2025, assessment date than the other comparables in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparables #4 and #6 along with board of review comparable #2 which sold more proximate in time to the assessment date at issue and are similar to the subject in location, age, dwelling size and some features. The comparables sold from February to December 2024 for prices ranging from \$270,000 to \$290,720 or from \$250.46 to \$284.32 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$299,322 or \$286.71 per square foot of living area land included, which is above the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. After considering adjustments to the best comparables sales for differences from the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by the assessment is excessive 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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