



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

APPELLANT: Paul Coen  
DOCKET NO.: 19-44902.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 09-36-410-013-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Paul Coen, the appellant, by attorney Ellen G. Berkshire, of Verros Berkshire in Oakbrook Terrace; 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:** \$7,951  
**IMPR.:** \$76,723  
**TOTAL:** \$84,674

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 2019 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 dwelling of frame exterior construction with 3,240 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 4 years old. Features of the home include a finished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a 2.5-car garage. The property has a 5,890 square foot site and is located in Chicago, Jefferson Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-78 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on four comparables located within the same neighborhood code as the subject and within 1.1 miles from the subject. The comparables are improved with class 2-78 two-story dwellings of frame or frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 2,131 to 2,711 square feet of living area. The

dwellings that range in age from 22 to 62 years old. One comparable has a concrete slab foundation, and three comparables have unfinished basements. One comparable has one fireplace. Each comparable has central air conditioning and a 2-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$32,954 to \$48,080 or from \$13.85 to \$19.12 per square foot of living area. The appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$53,525 or \$16.52 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$84,674. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$76,723 or \$23.68 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four comparables located within the same neighborhood code as the subject and within .25 of a mile or "subarea" of the subject. The comparables are improved with class 2-78 two-story dwellings of frame exterior construction ranging in size from 3,022 to 3,289 square feet of living area. The dwellings are 1 or 4 years old. Three comparables each have one or two fireplaces. Each comparable has a finished basement, central air conditioning, and either a 2-car or a 3-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$27,723 to \$92,963 or from \$9.17 to \$28.26 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The taxpayer 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 evidence in the record does not support a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The parties submitted eight equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables due to differences in their smaller dwelling sizes, older ages, unfinished basements, and/or lack of a basement when compared to the subject. The Board also gives less weight to the board of review comparables #1 and #2 which are improved with newly constructed one-year-old dwellings.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the board of review comparables #3 and #4. These comparables are identical in age to the subject dwelling and also similar to the subject in building size, foundation, and some features. These two comparables have improvement assessments of \$78,388 and \$73,919 or \$25.06 and \$24.22 per square foot of living area, respectively. The subject's improvement assessment of \$76,723 or \$23.68 per square foot of living area is bracketed by the two best comparables in this record on an overall improvement assessment basis and below these comparables on a per-square-foot basis. After considering adjustments to the 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.



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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 19, 2023



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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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