

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Michael Wencel  
DOCKET NO.: 04-22825.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 14-29-125-017-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) are Michael Wencel, the appellant, by attorney Glenn Guttman of Reiff Schramm & Kanter of Chicago and the Cook County Board of Review (board).

The subject property consists of a 103-year-old, three-story, three-unit apartment building of masonry construction containing 2,640 square feet of living area and located in Lakeview Township, Cook County. The apartment property includes three bathrooms, a full basement and a two-car garage.

The appellant, through counsel, submitted evidence before the PTAB claiming unequal treatment in the assessment process as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant offered eight suggested comparable properties located within a few blocks of the subject. These properties consist of two or three-story apartment buildings of frame or frame and masonry construction and range in age from four to 121 years. The comparables include two, three or four bathrooms and four have basements, two finished. One building is air conditioned. The number of apartment units was not disclosed. Five sites have two-car garages. The comparables contain between 2,292 and 2,892 square feet of building area and have improvement assessments ranging from \$33,779 to \$48,680 or from \$13.50 to \$17.35 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's final improvement assessment of \$50,160, or \$19.00 per square foot of building area, was disclosed. In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review offered three suggested comparable properties located within a block of the subject. The comparables consist of two-story, two or three-unit buildings of frame construction. The comparables range in age from 100 to 115 years and have full basements. They have two or three bathrooms and two have two-car garages. The comparable properties range in size from 1,880 to

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Based on the facts and exhibits presented, 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: \$ 8,000  
IMPR. \$50,160  
TOTAL: \$58,160

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

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2,327 square feet of living area with improvement assessments ranging from \$42,788 to \$45,726 or from \$19.65 to \$22.75 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject property's assessment.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal. The Illinois Supreme Court has held that taxpayers who object to an assessment on the basis of lack of uniformity bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessment valuations by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d 1 (1989). The evidence must demonstrate a consistent pattern of assessment inequities within the assessment jurisdiction. After an analysis of the assessment data, the Board finds the appellant has failed to overcome this burden.

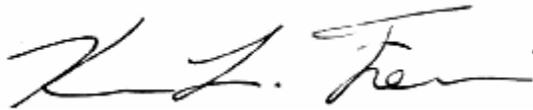
The PTAB finds the parties submitted a total of 11 suggested comparables of two or three story frame or frame and masonry buildings that are similar to the subject in age, location and building area but none of the comparables are three-story masonry buildings. The subject is a three-story masonry building. The PTAB finds the comparables are not similar to the subject in construction materials and finds the submitted evidence insufficient to effect a change in the subject's assessment.

As a result of this analysis, the PTAB finds the appellant did not adequately demonstrate that the subject apartment building was inequitably assessed by clear and convincing evidence and a reduction is not warranted.

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.



Chairman



Member



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DISSENTING: \_\_\_\_\_

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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 10, 2008



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 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 the subsequent year 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.

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.