

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Mercedes Franco
DOCKET NO.: 04-25335.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 06-19-204-012-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Mercedes Franco, the appellant, by attorney Julie Realmuto of McCarthy & Duffy, Chicago, Illinois; and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property is improved with a 17-year old, two-story dwelling of frame construction containing 1,712 square feet of living area with full basement finished with a recreation room, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a two-car garage.

The appellant's appeal is based on unequal treatment in the assessment process. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information and copies of photographs on seven comparable properties. The first four comparables were described as two-story frame dwellings that were either 16 or 18 years old for consideration. One of the comparables is described as having an unfinished basement and four have central air conditioning. The appellant provided limited descriptions on the three remaining comparables such as property index number, classification code, neighborhood code assessment information, living area and building assessment per square foot. Photographs depict each comparable as having a two-car attached garage. A map submitted by the appellant indicates the comparables are located within approximately ¼ mile of the subject property. The comparables range in size from 1,680 to 1,943 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments ranging from \$7.09 to \$7.85 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment is \$9.94 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's final assessment was disclosed. The board of review presented descriptions and assessment information on four comparable properties consisting of two-story

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Based on the facts and exhibits presented, 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:	\$	4,685
IMPR.:	\$	13,695
TOTAL:	\$	18,380

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

frame or frame and masonry dwellings that were either 12 or 44 years old. The dwellings range in size from 2,050 to 2,261 square feet of living area. Each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning and a two-car garage. Three of the comparables have a fireplace. These properties have improvement assessments ranging from \$9.98 to \$10.88 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject'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 Board further finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

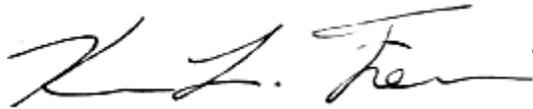
The appellant contends unequal treatment in the subject's improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. Taxpayers who object to an assessment on the basis of lack of uniformity bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessment valuations by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d 1 (1989). After an analysis of the assessment data, the Board finds the appellant has met this burden.

The Board finds the comparables 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 submitted by the appellant were most similar to the subject in size with comparables 1, 2, and 3 also being most similar to the subject in age. Due to their similarities to the subject, these comparables received the most weight in the Board's analysis. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$7.09 to \$7.84 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$9.94 per square foot of living area is above this range. After considering adjustments and the differences in both parties' comparables when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's improvement assessment is not equitable and a reduction in the subject's assessment is 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.

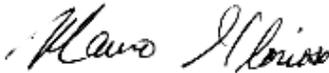


Chairman



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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: December 19, 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.