



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

APPELLANT: Julienne Winter  
DOCKET NO.: 05-26555.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 05-21-418-051-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Julienne Winter, the appellant(s), by attorney Howard W. Melton, of Howard W. Melton and Associates of Chicago; and the Cook County Board of Review.

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:     \$ 28,512**  
**IMPR.:    \$ 85,080**  
**TOTAL:    \$ 113,592**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**ANALYSIS**

The subject property consists of an 8,910 square foot parcel improved with a 20-year-old, two-story, single-family dwelling of frame and masonry construction containing 3,432 square feet of living area and located in New Trier Township, Cook County. Features of the residence include four and one-half bathrooms, a partial-unfinished basement, central air-conditioning, two fireplaces and a two-car attached garage.

The appellant, through counsel, submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board arguing unequal treatment in the assessment process of the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this claim, the appellant submitted assessment data and descriptive information on four properties suggested as comparable to the subject. Based on the appellant's documents, the four suggested comparables consist of two-story, single-family dwellings of masonry or frame and masonry construction located on the same street and block as the subject. The

improvements range in size from 2,569 to 3,013 square feet of living area and range in age from 76 to 82 years. The comparables contain from two to four and one-half bathrooms, a full-finished or unfinished basement, one or two fireplaces and a one-car or two-car garage. Three comparables contain central air-conditioning. The improvement assessments range from \$20.96 to \$22.45 per square foot of living area. Based on the evidence submitted, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the subject's total assessment of \$113,592. The subject's improvement assessment is \$85,080 or \$24.79 per square foot of living area. In support of the assessment the board submitted property characteristic printouts and descriptive data on four properties suggested as comparable to the subject. The suggested comparables are improved with two-story, single-family dwellings of masonry or frame and masonry construction located within three blocks of the subject. The improvements range in size from 2,518 to 3,380 square feet of living area and range in age from 37 to 81 years. The comparables contain two and one-half or four full bathrooms and a multi-car garage. Three comparables contain a partial-finished basement, three comparables have central air-conditioning and three comparables contain one or two fireplaces. The improvement assessments range from \$22.31 to \$25.37 per square foot of living area. Based on the evidence presented, 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 appellant's argument was unequal treatment in the assessment process. 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 not overcome this burden.

Both parties submitted a total of eight properties similar to the subject in design, amenities, exterior construction and location but with many variations in improvement size and/or age. These eight properties have improvement assessments ranging from \$20.96 to \$25.37 per square foot of living area. The subject's per square foot improvement assessment of \$24.79 falls within the range established by these properties. The Board finds of the eight properties offered for comparison, five vary greatly from the subject in improvement size and the eight suggested comparables are vastly inferior overall to the subject in age. After considering adjustments for size and age, as well as other

differences in both parties' suggested comparables when compared to the subject, the Board finds the evidence submitted by the parties does not support a change in the subject's assessment.

As a result of this analysis, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds the appellant has failed to adequately demonstrate that the subject dwelling 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.

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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 28, 2009

*Allen Castrovillari*

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.