

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Shirrena Houston  
DOCKET NO.: 06-21212.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 28-23-424-032-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Shirrena Houston, the appellant; and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property consists of a one-year-old, two-story single-family dwelling of frame construction containing 2,657 square feet of living area and located in Bremen Township, Cook County. The residence contains two and one-half bathrooms, a full basement, air conditioning, a fireplace and a three-car garage.

The appellant 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 four suggested comparable properties located within a quarter mile of the subject. These properties consist of two-story single-family dwellings of frame or frame and masonry construction. The comparables have two and one half bathrooms and full or partial basements. All homes are air-conditioned and all have fireplaces. The properties include two-car garages. The comparables contain between 2,139 and 3,082 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments ranging from \$17,539 to \$26,455 or from \$7.79 to \$8.58 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's final improvement assessment of \$22,807, or \$8.58 per square foot of living area, was disclosed. Also disclosed by the Board of Review was the fact that Shirrena Houston is not the owner or liable for the property taxes of the subject property. The Board of Review believes she signed for this property in error at a Board of Review outreach meeting. Contact by phone with Shirrena Houston confirmed that she is not the owner of the subject property. She claimed her property is PIN 20-09-328-009-

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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: \$ 3,643  
IMPR.: \$22,807  
TOTAL: \$26,450

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

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0000 and she did receive relief for 2006 for this property through the Board of Review.

Therefore, because Ms. Houston has no standing in this appeal the Property Tax Appeal Board finds no change in the assessment of this property as established by the Cook County Board of Review.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the PTAB finds that it does not have 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 PTAB finds the appellant has failed to overcome this burden.

The Property Tax Appeal Board finds the evidence failed to adequately demonstrate that the subject dwelling was inequitably assessed by clear and convincing evidence and no reduction is warranted.

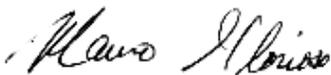
This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.



Chairman



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: August 24, 2009



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.