



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

APPELLANT: Georgia Loukas Demeros  
DOCKET NO.: 07-22026.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 08-12-300-058-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Georgia Loukas Demeros, the appellant(s), by attorney Patrick J. Cullerton, of Thompson Coburn LLP in Chicago; and the Cook County Board of Review.

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:** \$3,009  
**IMPR.:** \$19,069  
**TOTAL:** \$22,078

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**ANALYSIS**

The subject property consists of a 3,420 square foot parcel of land improved with a 55-year old, two-story, masonry, attached, single-family dwelling containing 1,364 square feet of living area, two baths, air conditioning, and a full, unfinished basement. The appellant, via counsel, argued that the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed value.

In support of this overvaluation argument the appellant submitted a copy of a settlement statement dated March 31, 2006 indicating the subject was purchased for \$219,900. Line 700 of the settlement statement lists a broker's commission fee. Based on this evidence the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to reflect the subject's purchase price.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" for the property located next to the subject which contains an improvement identical to the subject. The board's evidence does include assessment and descriptive information for

the subject property. The evidence discloses the subject's total assessment as \$28,374. This assessment reflects a market value of \$282,610 the Illinois Department of Revenue's 2007 three year median level of assessment for class 2 property of 10.04%. In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review presented descriptions and assessment information on three properties suggested as comparable. The properties are described as two-story, masonry, attached, single-family dwellings. The properties are 55 years old, contain 1,354 square feet of living area, and have improvement assessments of \$18.60 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.

When overvaluation is claimed the appellant has the burden of proving the value of the property by a preponderance of the evidence. National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois v. Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, 331Ill.App.3d 1038 (3<sup>rd</sup> Dist. 2002); Winnebago County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 313 Ill.App.3d 179 (2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. 2000). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal, a recent arm's length sale of the subject property, recent sales of comparable properties, or recent construction costs of the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code 1910.65(c). Having considered the evidence presented, the PTAB concludes that the evidence indicates a reduction is warranted.

The PTAB finds the best evidence of the subject's market value is the sale of the subject in March 2006 for \$219,900. The settlement statement includes broker's fees which support the arm's length nature of this sale.

Based on this record the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that the subject property had a market value of \$219,900 for the 2007 assessment year. Since market value has been determined, the 10.04% 2008 three year median level of assessment for class 2 property as established by the Illinois department of Revenue shall apply and a 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.



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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 21, 2012



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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 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.