FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Mohammad Yaqoob
DOCKET NO.: 07-22605.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-06-101-006-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Mohammad Yaqoob, the appellant, by attorney Michael Griffin in 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:	$ 8,749
IMPR.:	$ 40,811
TOTAL:	$ 49,560

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is improved with a three-story mixed-use and multi-family building of masonry construction containing 5,088 square feet of building area. The building is 73 years old. Features of the building include three apartment units, a commercial unit, a partial, unfinished basement, and a one and one-half car garage.

The appellant's appeal is based on unequal treatment in the assessment process. The appellant submitted information on three comparable properties described as two or three-story masonry buildings that range in age from 75 to 96 years old. The comparables have the same neighborhood and classification codes as the subject. The comparables range in size from 5,766 to 7,725 square feet of building area, and they have from three to six apartments. One comparable has central air conditioning, and another has a garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from $5.82 to $5.91 per square foot of building area. The subject's improvement assessment is $8.02 per square foot of building 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 three-story masonry buildings that range in age from 74 to 91 years old. The comparables all have the same neighborhood and classification codes as the subject. The buildings are mixed-use and multi-family, and they range in size from 2,970 to 4,500 square feet of building area. Each comparable has two or three apartments, one commercial unit, and an unfinished basement, either full or partial. Three comparables have a garage. These properties have improvement assessments ranging from $8.74 to $11.57 per square foot of building area. As part of its evidence, the board of review disclosed that the subject sold in January 2006 for $600,000. 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 not 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 not met this burden.

Both parties presented assessment data on a total of seven equity comparables. The appellant's comparables differed considerably from the subject in age, size, and style and received reduced weight in the Board's analysis. The comparable numbered four by the board of review was much smaller than the subject and also received reduced weight. The Board finds the comparable numbered one by the board of review was the most similar to the subject in size. It was also very similar in age, exterior construction, and style. The comparables numbered two and three by the board of review, despite being smaller than the subject, were also very similar in age, exterior construction, and style. Due to their similarities to the subject, these three comparables received the most weight in the Board's analysis. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from $8.74 to $9.60 per square foot of building area. The subject's improvement assessment of $8.02 per square foot of building area falls below the range established by the most similar comparables. After considering adjustments and the differences in both parties' comparables when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's improvement assessment is equitable and a reduction in the subject's assessment 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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Member

Member

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: June 18, 2010

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.