



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

APPELLANT: Mohamad & Sandra Esteghamat
DOCKET NO.: 07-23631.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 04-33-306-011-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Mohamad & Sandra Esteghamat, the appellant(s); 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: \$ 11,520
IMPR.: \$ 45,927
TOTAL: \$ 57,447**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of a 65-year-old, two-story, single-family dwelling of frame construction containing 2,187 square feet of living area. Features of the residence include two full bathrooms, central air-conditioning, a fireplace and a two-car attached garage. The subject is built with crawl space and located in Northfield Township, Cook County.

The appellants submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming unequal treatment in the assessment process of the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this claim, the appellants submitted assessment data and descriptive information on three properties suggested as comparable to the subject. Based on the appellants' documents, the three suggested comparables consist of two-story, single-family dwellings of frame construction located within four blocks of the subject. The improvements range in size from 1,500 to 2,072 square feet of living area and range in age from 65 to 67 years. The comparables contain one and one-half or two full bathrooms,

central air-conditioning and a one-car or two-car attached garage. Two comparables contain a partial-unfinished basement as well as a fireplace. The total assessments range from \$50,229 to \$53,437 and the improvement assessments range from \$38,709 to \$43,415 or from \$19.86 to \$25.80 per square foot of living area. Based on the evidence submitted, the appellants 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 \$57,447. The subject's improvement assessment is \$45,927 or \$21.00 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 frame construction with the same neighborhood code as the subject. The improvements range in size from 2,049 to 2,089 square feet of living area and range in age from 65 to 67 years. The comparables contain from one and one-half to three and one-half bathrooms, central air-conditioning and a two-car garage. One comparable has a fireplace. The improvement assessments range from \$48,008 to \$48,596 or from \$23.13 to \$23.54 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 appellants' 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 appellants have not overcome this burden.

The Board finds the appellants' comparable one and the board of review's comparables to be the most similar properties to the subject in the record. These five properties are similar to the subject in improvement size, amenities, design, location and age and have improvement assessments ranging from \$19.86 to \$23.54 per square foot of living area. The subject's per square foot improvement assessment of \$21.00 falls within the range established by these properties. The Board finds the appellants' two remaining comparables less similar to the subject in size. After considering adjustments and the differences in both parties' suggested comparables when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's per square foot improvement assessment

is supported by the most similar properties contained in the record.

As a result of this analysis, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds the appellants have 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.

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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.