LACK OF UNIFORMITY

Residential assessment appeal evidence

Cook County, Illinois. Tax year 2026. Prepared 15 November 2026 from the Cook County Assessor's published assessment roll.

Property index number	22281020130000
Property address	495 5TH ST
Township	Lemont (19)
Assessor neighborhood	19020
Property class	203 Single-family, 1,000-1,800 sq ft
Assessment stage	Certified value for 2026

ASSESSED NOW	COMPARABLES IMPLY	REDUCTION REQUESTED
$36,000	**$31,460**	**$4,540**

12.6% of the current assessed value.
Estimated tax effect about $963 a year at a 7% composite rate.

SECTION 1

The argument in one paragraph

The Assessor values 12 other properties in assessor neighborhood 19020 that share this home's property class, building type, construction quality grade, size band and age band. Their assessed values run at a median of $29.24 per square foot. This home is assessed at $33.46 per square foot, which is 14% above that median. Applying the median the Assessor already uses for those neighbors to this home's 1,076 square feet gives $31,460. The request is to reduce the total assessed value to that figure. Every number in this document comes from the Assessor's own published roll.

This is a uniformity argument, not a market value argument. It does not claim the home is worth less than the Assessor thinks. It claims the Assessor has not treated it the same way as the properties it treats as its equals.

SECTION 2

This property as the Assessor records it

These are the characteristics the county publishes for this parcel.

Building area	1,076 square feet
Land area	20,226 square feet
Year built	1986
Building type	1 Story
Construction quality	Average
Repair condition	Average
Exterior wall	Frame
Basement	Full
Central air	Central A/C
Rooms	5
Bedrooms	3
Full bathrooms	1
Half bathrooms	1

Total assessed value	$36,000
Assessed value per square foot	$33.46

SECTION 3

How the comparable properties were chosen

The selection rule is stated before the result so that it can be checked. It was fixed in advance and applied to every parcel in the county in the same way. No property was added because it helped this argument and none was removed because it hurt it.

	FILTER APPLIED, IN ORDER	PROPERTIES REMAINING
1	In the same assessor neighborhood and property class	105
2	Building area within 15% of this home	43
3	Built within 15 years of this home	12
4	Same building type	12
5	Same construction quality grade	12

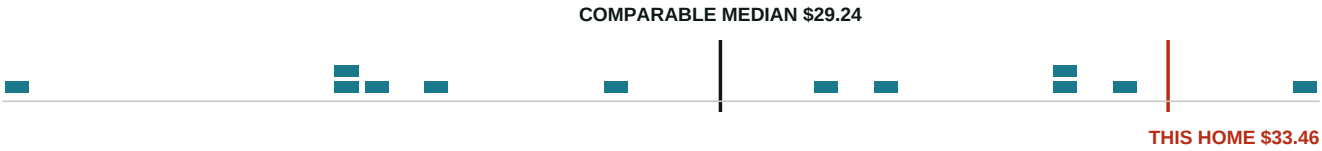
The comparable figure used is the median of all 12 surviving properties. It is not an average, which one outlier can move, and it is not a selection of the lowest assessed properties, which is the practice the Board of Review describes as cherry-picking in its own rules. Every one of the 12 properties is listed in section 6 by index number, including those assessed above this home.

A claim is made only where the gap is at least 10% of assessed value and at least $3,000, and it is capped at 40%, because a larger gap usually means a recorded characteristic is wrong rather than the assessment. At least 10 surviving properties are required before anything is claimed at all.

SECTION 4

What the comparable properties show

Comparable properties	12
Lowest assessed	$22.47 per square foot
25th percentile	$25.92 per square foot
Median	$29.24 per square foot
75th percentile	$32.41 per square foot
Highest assessed	$34.88 per square foot
This home	$33.46 per square foot
Position	assessed above 11 of the 12 comparable properties, the 92nd percentile



$22.47 per sq ft — 12 comparable properties by assessed value per square foot, one mark is one property — $34.88 per sq ft

The arithmetic, in full

STEP	VALUE
Median assessed value per square foot, 12 comparables	$29.24
Building area of this home	1,076 sq ft
Median multiplied by building area	**$31,460**
Current total assessed value	$36,000
Difference, the reduction requested	**$4,540**

At the 3.03 state equalisation factor certified for 2025 by the Illinois Department of Revenue, and a 7% composite tax rate, a reduction of $4,540 in assessed value is worth roughly $963 a year. The owner's own composite rate is printed on the tax bill and will differ. Exemptions are ignored, which makes this figure conservative.

SECTION 5

Comparable properties in detail

All 12 properties that passed every filter, sorted by assessed value per square foot. This home is shown in its own place in that order.

INDEX NUMBER	PROPERTY ADDRESS	SQ FT	BUILT	BD	BA	ASSESSED	PER SQ FT
22281050300000	549 4TH ST	1,080	1977	3	1	$24,269	$22.47
22281040350000	507 3RD ST	1,192	1977	3	1	$30,501	$25.59
22281041320000	554 4TH ST	1,200	1975	3	1	$31,000	$25.83
22281000170000	1041 MCCARTHY RD	1,156	1977	3	1	$30,000	$25.95
22281040920000	522 4TH ST	1,206	1974	2	1	$32,001	$26.53
22281050350000	565 4TH ST	1,200	1977	3	1	$34,000	$28.33
22281050290000	549 4TH ST	1,080	1977	3	1	$32,554	$30.14
22281050340000	561 FOURTH ST	1,166	1976	3	1	$36,000	$30.87
22281040670000	528 4TH ST	1,002	1978	3	1	$32,452	$32.39
22281041060000	608 4TH ST	1,201	1985	3	1	$39,000	$32.47
22281050410000	595 4TH ST	1,121	1989	3	1	$37,000	$33.01
22281020130000	**495 5TH ST**	**1,076**	**1986**	**3**	**1**	**$36,000**	**$33.46**
22281050240000	511 6TH ST	1,032	1977	3	1	$36,001	$34.88

Median of all 12 comparables: $29.24 per square foot. Every property above shares this home's property class, building type and construction quality grade, sits in assessor neighborhood 19020, and is within 15% of its building area and 15 years of its year built.

SECTION 6

Every comparable property used

All 12 index numbers, lowest assessed value per square foot first. Nothing was withheld. Any of these can be looked up on the Assessor's public property search.

22281050300000 22281040350000 22281041320000 22281000170000 22281040920000
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22281050410000 22281050240000

SECTION 7

Sources, method and limits

Data

Assessed values	Cook County Assessor, Assessed Values, tax year 2026
Characteristics	Cook County Assessor, residential improvement characteristics
Addresses	Cook County Assessor, parcel address table
Publisher	Cook County Open Data, datacatalog.cookcountyil.gov
Read on	15 November 2026
Equalisation factor	3.03 for 2025, Illinois Department of Revenue

Method

Comparable properties are drawn from the same assessor neighborhood and property class, then filtered on building area, year built, building type and construction quality grade. The comparable figure is the median assessed value per square foot across every surviving property. The requested value is that median multiplied by this home's recorded building area.

Limits

Assessed values change during the year as townships are certified and as appeals are decided, so a figure here can be superseded. The roll's recorded characteristics are sometimes wrong. Condominiums are excluded because they are not assessed per square foot. This document is a presentation of published data. It is not an appraisal and not a prediction.

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