

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards
Ministry of Housing and Social Development

Decision

Dispute Codes: MNDC

Introduction

A substantial amount of documentary evidence, photo evidence, and written arguments has been submitted by the parties prior to the hearing. I have thoroughly reviewed all submissions.

I also gave the parties the opportunity to give their evidence orally and the parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of the other parties.

All testimony was taken under affirmation.

Issue(s) to be Decided

This is a request for a monetary order for the return of double the security deposit, plus interest.

Background and Evidence and Analysis

The landlord has not returned the tenants \$300.00 security deposit or applied for dispute resolution to keep any or all of tenant's security deposit and the time limit in which to apply is now past.

The Residential Tenancy Act states that, if the landlord does not either return the security deposit or apply for dispute resolution within 15 days after the later of the date the tenancy ends or the date the landlord receives the tenants forwarding address in writing, the landlord must pay the tenant double the amount of security deposit.

This tenancy ended on March 31, 2008 and the landlord had a forwarding address in writing by April 04, 2008 and there is no evidence to show that the tenant's right to return of the deposit has been extinguished.

Therefore, I am required to order that the landlord must pay double the amount of the \$300.00 security deposit to the tenant.

The landlord must also pay \$10.30 in interest on the security deposit.

Conclusion

I have issued an order for the respondents to pay \$610.30 to the applicant.

January 19, 2009		
<u> </u>	Date of Decision	