

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

DECISION

Dispute Codes: OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF

Introduction

This hearing dealt with an application by the Landlord pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* for an order of possession and a monetary order for rent, cost of repairs and the filing fee. The landlord also applied to retain the security deposit in partial satisfaction of his monetary claim.

The notice of hearing was served on the tenant by courier service. The building manager witnessed the tenant refuse service of the package from the courier. The tenant did not attend the hearing. The landlord attended the hearing and was given full opportunity to present evidence and make submissions

The tenant moved out on March 31, 2011. Since the tenant has moved out, the landlord withdrew his application for an order of possession. The landlord also stated that he has a claim for some repairs but was unable to file evidence in time. Accordingly, at the landlord's request, his claim for damages against the security deposit is dismissed with leave to reapply. Therefore, this hearing only dealt with the landlord's monetary claim for rent, and the filing fee.

Issues to be decided

Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order to recover rent and the filing fee?

Background and Evidence

The landlord testified that the tenancy started on February 04, 2010. The monthly rent was \$700.00 payable in advance on the first of each month. The tenant failed to pay rent for February and March 2011. On March 11, 2011 the landlord served the tenant with a ten day notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent.

The tenant moved out without paying rent. The landlord is claiming rent for February and March 2011 for a total of \$1,400.00.

<u>Analysis</u>

In the absence of evidence to the contrary, I find that the tenant owes \$1,400.00 for rent for the months of February and March 2011. The landlord has proven his case and is therefore also entitled to the recovery of the filing fee in the amount of \$50.00.

The landlord has established a total claim of \$1,450.00. I grant the landlord an order under section 67 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* for this amount. This order may be filed in the Small Claims Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

Conclusion

I grant the landlord a monetary order for **\$1,450.00**.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under Section 9.1(1) of the *Residential Tenancy Act*.

Dated: April 18, 2011.

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