



Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes DRI, FF

Introduction

This hearing dealt with an application by the tenant disputing a rent increase. Both parties participated in the conference call hearing.

Issue to be Decided

Has the tenant been served with a valid notice of rent increase?

Background and Evidence

The facts are not in dispute. The tenant was served with a document entitled "Rent Correction Adjustment" in which the landlord asked the tenant to agree to a rent increase. The tenant stated that he was unsure of the legal impact of this document. The landlord stated that the document in question was not intended to be a notice of rent increase but an attempt to obtain the tenant's agreement to a rent increase.

Analysis

I find that the document is not a notice of rent increase and is in no way binding upon the tenant. Therefore there was no need to for the tenant to apply to dispute this document as it was not a means by which the landlord could unilaterally raise the rent. I dismiss the claim.

Conclusion

The claim is dismissed.

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: June 13, 2011

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