

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes:

MNSD, MNDC, FF

Introduction

This hearing dealt with an application by the tenant, pursuant to section 38 of the *Residential Tenancy Act,* for a monetary order for the return of double the security deposit, for compensation for cleaning at the start of tenancy and for the filing fee.

Both parties attended the hearing and were given full opportunity to present evidence and make submissions.

Issues to be Decided

Did the tenant give the landlord her forwarding address in writing? Is the tenant entitled to a monetary order for the return of double the security deposit, for compensation and for the filing fee?

Background and Evidence

The tenancy started on September 01, 2010 and ended on July 01, 2011. Prior to moving in the tenant paid a security deposit of \$600.00 and a pet deposit of \$300.00.

During the hearing the parties engaged in a conversation, turned their minds to compromise and achieved a resolution of their dispute.

<u>Analysis</u>

Pursuant to Section 63 of the *Residential Tenancy Act,* the dispute resolution officer may assist the parties settle their dispute and if the parties settle their dispute during the dispute resolution proceedings, the settlement may be recorded in the form of a decision or an order.

During this hearing, the parties reached an agreement to settle these matters, on the following conditions:

- 1. The tenant agreed to accept \$700.00 in full and final settlement of all claims against the landlord. A monetary order will be issued in favour of the tenant.
- 2. The landlord agreed to pay the tenant \$700.00 in full settlement of all claims against the tenant.
- The landlord agreed to not pursue his claim against the tenant for the cost of repairs, loss of income or any other monetary claims with regard to the rental unit.
- 4. Both parties stated that they understood and agreed that the above particulars comprise **full and final settlement** of all aspects of the dispute for both parties.

As this dispute was resolved by mutual agreement and not based on the merits of the case, I decline the tenant's request to recover the filing fee paid for this application

Conclusion

Pursuant to the above agreement, I grant the tenant a monetary order under section 67 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* for the amount of **\$700.00.** This order may be filed in the Small Claims Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

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: September 23, 2011.

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