



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNSD, FF

This hearing was convened in response to an application by the Tenants pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the “Act”) for Orders as follows:

1. An Order for return of the security deposit - Section 38
2. An Order to recover the filing fee for this application - Section 72.

The Landlord did not participate in the conference call hearing. The Tenant states that the application for dispute resolution and notice of hearing (the “Package”) was given to the Landlord by placing the Package in the mailbox of the Landlord’s agent.

The Act provides the following requirements for service of the Package:

- 89** (1) An application for dispute resolution or a decision of the director to proceed with a review under Division 2 of Part 5, when required to be given to one party by another, must be given in one of the following ways:
- (a) by leaving a copy with the person;
 - (b) if the person is a landlord, by leaving a copy with an agent of the landlord;
 - (c) by sending a copy by registered mail to the address at which the person resides or, if the person is a landlord, to the address at which the person carries on business as a landlord;
 - (d) if the person is a tenant, by sending a copy by registered mail to a forwarding address provided by the tenant;
 - (e) as ordered by the director under section 71 (1) [*director's orders: delivery and service of documents*].

As the Tenant did not leave a copy of the Package with the Landlord, or the Agent of the Landlord, or did not send a copy of the Package by registered mail, I cannot find

that service has been accomplished in accordance with Section 89 of the Act and I therefore dismiss the application with leave to reapply.

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: October 24, 2011.

Residential Tenancy Branch