

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

### **DECISION**

Dispute Codes: OPR, MNDC, MNR, MNSD, FF

#### <u>Introduction</u>

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 unpaid rent and the filing fee. The landlord also applied to retain the security deposit in partial satisfaction of her claim.

The notice of hearing was served on the tenant on March 2012, in person. Despite having been served the notice of hearing, 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 30, 2012. Since the tenant has moved out, the landlord withdrew her application for an order of possession. Therefore, this hearing only dealt with the landlord's monetary claim.

#### Issues to be decided

Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order to recover unpaid rent and the filing fee? Is the landlord entitled to retain the security deposit?

## **Background and Evidence**

The landlord testified that the tenancy started July 01, 2009 and ended when the tenant moved out on March 30, 2012. The monthly rent was \$1,250.00 due in advance on the first of each month. Prior to moving in the tenant paid a security deposit of \$600.00.

The tenant failed to pay rent for March 2012. On March 07, 2012, the landlord served the tenant with a ten day notice to end tenancy.

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The tenant moved out on March 30 without paying rent for March. The landlord is

claiming \$1,250.00 for unpaid rent plus \$50.00 for the filing fee.

<u>Analysis</u>

Based on the sworn testimony of the landlord and in the absence of evidence to the

contrary, I find that the tenant owes \$1,250.00 for rent for March 2012. The landlord has

proven her 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 \$1,300.00.00. I order that the landlord

retain the security deposit of \$600.00 plus interest \$0.00 in partial satisfaction of the

claim and I grant the landlord an order under section 67 of the Residential Tenancy Act

for the balance due of \$700.00. 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 \$700.00

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 20, 2012.	
	Residential Tenancy Branch