



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR MNR MNSD

Introduction

This hearing dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord under the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the “Act”) for an order of possession for unpaid rent or utilities, for a monetary order for unpaid rent or utilities, and authority to keep all or part of a security deposit.

No one was in attendance for either the landlord or the tenant.

Issue(s) to be Decided

- Is the landlord entitled to an order of possession for unpaid rent or utilities?
- Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order for unpaid rent or utilities?
- Should the landlord be permitted to keep all or part of a security deposit?

Background and Evidence

There was no additional evidence or testimony provided as there was no one in attendance at the scheduled hearing.

Analysis

Section 61 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* states that upon accepting an application for dispute resolution, the Director must set the matter down for a hearing and that the Director must determine if the hearing is to be oral or in writing. In this case, the hearing was scheduled for an oral teleconference hearing.

Rule 10.1 of the Rules of Procedure provides as follows:

10.1 Commencement of the dispute resolution proceeding

The dispute resolution proceeding must commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise decided by the Dispute Resolution Officer. The Dispute Resolution Officer may conduct the dispute resolution proceeding in the absence of a party and may make a decision or dismiss the application, with or without leave to reapply.

In the absence of the applicant landlord and respondent tenant, the telephone line remained open while the phone system was monitored for ten minutes and no one on behalf of the applicant landlord or respondent tenant called into the hearing during this time. Based on the aforementioned I find that the landlord has not presented the merits of their application and their application is hereby **dismissed with leave to reapply**.

Conclusion

I HEREBY DISMISS the landlord's application, with leave to reapply.

I note this does not extend any applicable time limits under the *Act*.

This decision is final and binding on the parties, unless otherwise provided under the Act, and 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: July 11, 2012

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