

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR MNR FF

Introduction

This hearing dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the Landlords for an Order of Possession for unpaid rent and a Monetary Order for unpaid rent and to recover the cost of the filing fee from the Tenants for this application.

No one was in attendance for either the Landlord or the Tenant.

Issue(s) to be Decided

1. Have the Landlords presented the merits of their application?

Background and Evidence

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

<u>Analysis</u>

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 hearing The hearing must commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise decided by the arbitrator. The arbitrator may conduct the hearing in the absence of a party and may make a decision or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.

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

Conclusion

I HEREBY DISMISS the Landlords' application with leave to reapply. This dismissal does not extend any applicable time limits set out under the Act.

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: July 20, 2012.

Residential Tenancy Branch