

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR MNR MNDC FF

Introduction

This hearing dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution filed on March 20, 2013, by the Landlords to obtain an Order of Possession for unpaid rent and a Monetary Order for: unpaid rent or utilities; for money owed or compensation for damage or loss under the Act, regulation or tenancy agreement; and to recover the cost of the filing fee from the Tenant for this application.

No one attended the teleconference hearing.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Should this application be dismissed with or without leave to reapply?

Background and Evidence

The Landlord submitted documentary evidence which included, among other things, copies of: the tenancy agreement and the 10 Day Notice to end tenancy for unpaid rent issued March 11, 2013.

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 Landlord and respondent Tenant, the telephone line remained open while the phone system was monitored for ten minutes and no one on behalf of either party called into the hearing during this time. Based on the aforementioned the parties have not had an opportunity to present their case; therefore, the application is dismissed with leave to reapply.

Conclusion

I HEREBY DISMISS the Landlord's 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: April 18, 2013

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