



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, FF

This hearing was convened in response to an application by the Landlord pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the “Act”) for Orders including the following:

1. A Monetary Order for unpaid rent - Section 67;
2. An Order to retain the security deposit - Section 38; and
3. An Order to recover the filing fee for this application - Section 72.

The Tenant did not appear at the Hearing. The Landlord stated that the application for dispute resolution (the “Application”) and Notice of Hearing were served on the Tenant by registered mail on August 9, 2013. The Landlord states that following the service of the application and on the same day the Landlord received an email from the Tenant informing the Landlord that the Tenant was no longer residing in the unit. The Landlord did not attempt any further service on the Tenant.

The Act provides the following requirements for service of the Application

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*].

Based on the Landlord's evidence that the application for dispute resolution had been sent to an address where the Tenant did not reside, I find that the Landlord has not served the Tenant as required under the Act. I therefore dismiss the application for dispute resolution 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: September 16, 2013

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