



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes:

OPR, MNR, MNSD, MNDC, FF

Introduction

This hearing dealt with an application by the landlord pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* for an order of possession and for a monetary order for unpaid rent and the filing fee. The landlord also applied to retain the security deposit in partial satisfaction of his monetary claim.

The notice of hearing was served on the tenant on August 30, 2013 by registered mail. The landlord provided a tracking number. 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 sometime around September 10, 2013, without informing the landlord. Since the tenant has moved out, the landlord withdrew his 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, the filing fee and to retain the security deposit?

Background and Evidence

The tenancy started on March 15, 2013. The monthly rent is \$1,050.00 due in advance on the first of each month. Prior to moving in, the tenant paid a security deposit of \$525.00 and a pet deposit of \$250.00.

The landlord testified that the tenant failed to pay rent for August 2013. On August 02, 2013, the landlord served the tenant with a ten day notice to end tenancy. The tenant did not dispute the notice and continued to occupy the rental unit without paying rent.

On September 10, 2013, the landlord found the rental unit vacant. The tenant had moved out without informing the landlord. At the time of the hearing the tenant owed the landlord \$1,050.00 for August and \$1,050.00 for September 2013.

The landlord is applying for a monetary order for unpaid rent (\$2,100.00) and for the filing fee (\$50.00).

Analysis

Based on the undisputed sworn testimony of the landlord and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, I accept the landlord's testimony in respect of his claim. I find that the tenant owes rent for August and September 2013. The landlord has proven his 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 \$2,150.00. I order that the landlord retain the security and pet deposits of \$775.00 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 \$1,375.00. 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 **\$1,375.00**.

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: September 18, 2013

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