



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

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### Introduction

This hearing dealt with an application by the tenant for double recovery of the security deposit. Both the landlord and the tenant participated in the teleconference hearing.

At the outset of the hearing, the landlord confirmed that she had received the tenant's application and evidence. The landlord did not submit any documentary evidence, but she gave testimony in response to the tenant's application. I have reviewed all testimony and other evidence. However, only the evidence relevant to the issues and findings in this matter are described in this decision.

### Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the tenant entitled to double recovery of the security deposit?

### Background and Evidence

The tenancy began on July 1, 2012. At the outset of the tenancy, the tenant paid a security deposit of \$340. The tenancy ended on June 1, 2013. The tenant provided the landlord with her written forwarding address on June 27, 2013. The landlord has not returned the security deposit or applied for dispute resolution. The landlord did not dispute these facts.

### Analysis

Section 38 of the Residential Tenancy Act requires that 15 days after the later of the end of tenancy and the tenant providing the landlord with a written forwarding address, the landlord must repay the security deposit or make an application for dispute

resolution. If the landlord fails to do so, then the tenant is entitled to recovery of double the base amount of the security deposit.

In this case, the tenancy ended on June 1, 2013, and the tenant provided her forwarding address in writing on June 27, 2013. The landlord has failed to repay the security deposit or make an application for dispute resolution within 15 days of receiving the tenant's forwarding address in writing. I therefore find that the tenant has established a claim for double recovery of the security deposit.

### Conclusion

I grant the tenant an order under section 67 for the balance due of \$680. This order may be filed in the Small Claims Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

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 9, 2013

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