

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

# **DECISION**

<u>Dispute Codes</u> FF, MNR, MND, MNSD & MNDC

### <u>Introduction</u>

A hearing was conducted by conference call in the presence of both parties. On the basis of the solemnly affirmed evidence presented at that hearing, a decision has been reached. All of the evidence was carefully considered.

Both parties were given a full opportunity to present evidence and make submissions. Neither party requested an adjournment or a Summons to Testify. Prior to concluding the hearing both parties acknowledged they had presented all of the relevant evidence that they wished to present.

I find that the Application for Dispute Resolution/Notice of Hearing was sufficiently served on the Tenant by mailing, by registered mail to where the Tenant resides on December 16, 2013. With respect to each of the applicant's claims I find as follows:

#### Issue(s) to be Decided

The issues to be decided are as follows:

- a. Whether the landlord is entitled to a monetary order and if so how much?
- b. Whether the landlord is entitled to retain all or a portion of the security deposit/pet deposit?
- c. Whether the landlord is entitled to recover the cost of the filing fee?

#### Background and Evidence

The parties entered into a written tenancy agreement that provided that the tenancy would start on August 1, 2013 and end on January 31, 2014 and become month to month after that. The tenancy agreement provided that the tenant(s) would pay rent of

\$900 per month payable on the first day of each month. The tenant paid a security deposit of \$450 and a pet damage deposit of \$450 for a total of \$900 at the start of the tenancy.

The tenancy ended on November 30, 2013.

The Application for Dispute Resolution filed by the landlord seeks a monetary order in the sum of \$2013. The tenant disputes the landlord's claims.

#### Settlement:

At the end of the hearing the parties reached a settlement and they asked that I record the settlement pursuant to section 63(2) of the Residential Tenancy Act as follows:

- a. The tenant shall pay to the landlord the sum of \$1563 to be paid by the landlord retaining the security deposit and pet damage deposit in the sum of \$900 leaving a balance owing of \$663.
- b. This is a full and final settlement and each party releases and discharges the other from all further claims with respect to this tenancy.

## Monetary Order and Cost of Filing fee

As a result of the settlement I ordered that the tenant shall pay to the landlord the sum of \$1563. I determined the security deposit and pet damage deposit totals the sum of \$900. I determined the landlord is entitled to retain this sum. I ordered the landlord may retain this sum thus reducing the amount outstanding under this monetary order to the sum of \$663.

It is further Ordered that this sum be paid forthwith. The applicant is given a formal Order in the above terms and the respondent must be served with a copy of this Order as soon as possible.

Should the respondent fail to comply with this Order, the Order may be filed in the Small Claims division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

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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: March 11, 2014

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