

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding MAINSTREET EQUITY CORP. and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF

Introduction

This hearing dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord for an order of possession, for a monetary order and an order to retain the security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim.

At the outset of the hearing, that landlord's agent stated the tenant vacated the rental unit on April 7, 2014.

Preliminary matter

The landlord's agent attended the hearing. As the tenant did not attend the hearing, service of the Notice of a Dispute Resolution Hearing (the "notice") was considered.

The landlord's agent stated that she mailed the notice to the rental unit address by registered mail on May 10, 2014.

Residential Tenancy Branch Policy Guideline #12 Service Provisions requires that where a landlord is serving a tenant by registered mail, the address for service must be where the tenant resides at the time of mailing, or the forwarding address provided by the tenant.

As the tenant was no longer residing in the rental unit at the time the notice was mailed. I find the tenant has not been served in accordance with Policy Guideline #12. Therefore, I dismiss the landlord's application with leave to reapply

Conclusion

The landlord's application is dismissed 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: May 23, 2014

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