

## **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## DECISION

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Introduction and Analysis

This hearing dealt with the tenant's Application for Dispute Resolution under the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the "*Act*") for a monetary order for money owed or compensation for damage or loss under the *Act*, regulation or tenancy agreement, for the return of double her security deposit or pet damage deposit, and to recover the filing fee.

The tenant attended the hearing. The landlord did not attend the hearing. As the landlord did not attend the hearing, service of the Notice of a Dispute Resolution Hearing (the "Notice of Hearing") and Application for Dispute Resolution (the "Application") were considered. The tenant testified that the Notice of Hearing and Application was served by registered mail, however, was unable to provide the date the registered mail package was mailed or the registered mail tracking number.

Based on insufficient evidence regarding when the Notice of Hearing and Application was served by registered mail, I am not satisfied that the landlord has been sufficiently served under the *Act.* Both parties have the right to a fair hearing. The landlord would not be aware of the hearing and the reason for the hearing without having received the Notice of Hearing and Application. Therefore, I dismiss the tenant's application with leave to reapply as I am not satisfied that the landlord has been sufficiently served with the Notice of Hearing and Application. I note this decision does not extend any applicable time limits under the *Act.* 

## **Conclusion**

The tenant's application is dismissed with leave to reapply due to a service issue.

This decision does not extend any applicable time limits under the Act.

This decision is final and binding on the parties, unless otherwise provided under the Act, and 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: June 3, 2014

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