

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## **DECISION**

## **Dispute Codes:**

MNSD and FF

## **Introduction**

This hearing was convened in response to cross applications.

The Landlord filed an Application for Dispute Resolution, in which the Landlord applied to retain the security deposit and to recover the fee for filing an Application for Dispute Resolution.

The Tenant filed an Application for Dispute Resolution, in which the Tenant applied for the return of his security deposit and to recover the fee for filing an Application for Dispute Resolution.

#### Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the Tenant entitled to the return of security deposit or should it be retained by the Landlord?

#### Background and Evidence

There was no testimony provided as there was no one in attendance at the scheduled hearing.

## **Analysis**

Section 61 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* states that upon accepting an application for dispute resolution, the director must set the matter down for a hearing and that the director must determine if the hearing is to be oral or in writing. In this case, the hearing was scheduled for a teleconference hearing.

Rule 10.1 of the Rules of Procedure stipulates that the hearing must commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise decided by the arbitrator. The arbitrator may conduct the hearing in the absence of a party and may make a decision or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.

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This hearing was scheduled to commence at 9:00 on October 22, 2014. I dialed into the teleconference at 9:01 a.m. and monitored the teleconference until 9:11 a.m. Neither the Landlord nor the Tenant dialed into the teleconference during this time.

I find that both Applications for Dispute Resolution have been abandoned.

## Conclusion

I dismiss both Applications for Dispute Resolution with leave to reapply, as I have not made any findings of fact or law with respect to the application.

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: October 23, 2014

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