

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute codes OP MNR MNSD FF

Introduction

This hearing dealt with an application by the landlord for an order of possession, a monetary order and an order allowing retention of the security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim. The hearing was conducted by conference call. The landlord called in and participated in the hearing. The tenant did not appear although he was served with the Application for Dispute Resolution and Notice of Hearing by registered mail sent on September 19, 2014. The landlord testified at the hearing that the tenant moved out of the rental unit on October 30, 2014 and an order for possession is no longer required. The landlord's application for an order for possession is therefore dismissed.

<u>Issues</u>

Is the landlord entitled to a monetary order? Is the landlord entitled to an order allowing retention of the security deposit?

Background and Evidence

This tenancy began on August 1, 2014. The rent is \$575.00 due in advance on the first day of each month. The tenant paid a security deposit of \$287.50.00 at the start of the tenancy, but he has paid no rent since he moved into the rental unit. On September 6, 2014, 2011 the landlord served the tenant with a Notice to End Tenancy for non-payment of rent by posting it to the door of the rental unit and by personally serving the tenant. The tenant has not paid rent for August, September or October and he did not file an application to dispute the Notice to End Tenancy.

<u>Analysis</u>

Section 46 of the Act requires that upon receipt of a Notice to End Tenancy for nonpayment of rent the tenant must, within five days, either pay the full amount of the arrears indicated on the Notice or dispute the notice by filing an Application for Dispute Resolution with the Residential Tenancy Branch. The tenant failed to pay rent for three months before moving out of the rental unit.

Conclusion

Monetary Order and Security Deposit - I find that the landlord has established a total monetary claim of \$1,725.00 for the outstanding rent for August, September and October. The landlord is entitled to recover the \$50.00 filing fee for this application for a total award of \$1,775.00. I order that the landlord retain the deposit and interest of \$287.50 in partial satisfaction of the claim and I grant the landlord an order under section 67 for the balance due of \$1,487.50. 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: November 05, 2014

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