



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Code: Application for Additional Rent Increase

Introduction

This hearing was convened by conference call in response to an Application for Additional Rent Increase (the “Application”) made by the Landlord to increase the rent of the Tenant’s rental unit greater than the allowable amount, pursuant to Section 43(3) of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the “Act”).

An agent for the Landlord and the Tenant appeared for the hearing and provided affirmed testimony. The Tenant confirmed receipt of the Landlord’s Application and two pages of documentary evidence. The Tenant did not submit any documentary evidence prior to this hearing.

The hearing process was explained and the parties acknowledged their understanding of the instructions and had no questions of the proceedings. Before the parties were given an opportunity to present their evidence and make submissions to me, I offered the parties an opportunity to settle this matter by mutual agreement.

The parties engaged in a discussion. The Tenant acknowledged that he was paying low rent but was not willing to pay the amount proposed by the Landlord on the Application. The Tenant proposed that he would be willing to consent to a rent increase from \$483.00 to \$540.00 per month.

The Landlord’s agent contacted the Landlord by phone and confirmed that the Landlord was willing to accept the Tenant’s proposal.

Analysis & Conclusion

Pursuant to section 63 of the Act, the Arbitrator may assist the parties to settle their dispute and if the parties settle their dispute during the dispute resolution proceedings, the settlement may be recorded in the form of a legally binding decision.

Both parties agreed that the Tenant will pay an increased rent of **\$540.00 per month**.

As the Tenant and Landlord agreed on this rent amount, this amount is payable effective immediately in accordance with the above agreement. Therefore starting February 2014, the Tenant will pay the Landlord rent in the amount of \$540.00 per month.

The parties acknowledged their understanding and confirmed their agreement before the hearing was concluded. This decision is final and binding on the parties.

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: January 05, 2015

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