



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## DECISION

### Dispute Codes:

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### Introduction

This hearing was convened in response to the Landlord's Application for Dispute Resolution, in which the Landlord applied for an additional rent increase.

### Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the Landlord entitled to a rent increase that exceeds the allowable annual rent increase authorized by the *Residential Tenancy Act (Act)*?

### Background and Evidence

Section 61 of the *Residential Tenancy Act (Act)* stipulates 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.

This hearing was scheduled to commence at 1:00 p.m. on September 17, 2015. I dialed into the teleconference at 1:00 p.m. and monitored the teleconference until 1:11 p.m. Neither the Applicant nor the Respondent dialed into the teleconference during this time.

### Analysis

I find that the Application for Dispute Resolution has been abandoned.

### Conclusion

I dismiss the Application 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: September 28, 2015

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