

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

A matter regarding OAK RIVER MANOR and [tenant name suppressed to protect privacy]

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPT

Introduction

This hearing was convened in relation to the tenant's application for an order of possession of the rental unit pursuant to section 54 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the Act).

Despite waiting fifteen minutes, neither party called into this hearing at the appointed time. I also confirmed that neither party had contacted the hearing number.

<u>Analysis</u>

Rules 7.1 and 7.3 of the Rules of Procedure provides:

7.1 Commencement of the dispute resolution hearing

The dispute resolution hearing will commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise set by the arbitrator.

7.3 Consequences of not attending the hearing

If a party or their agent fails to attend the hearing, the arbitrator may conduct the dispute resolution hearing in the absence of that party, or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.

Accordingly, in the absence of any evidence or submissions I dismiss this application with leave to reapply. I make no findings on the merits of the matter. Leave to reapply is not an extension of any applicable limitation period.

Conclusion

The tenant's application is dismissed with leave to reapply.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under subsection 9.1(1) of the Act.

Dated: January 21, 2016

Residential Tenancy Branch