



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes DRI, FF

Introduction

The landlord did not attend the hearing within ten minutes after its scheduled start time.

The tenant demonstrated that the landlord had been duly served with the application and notice of hearing by registered mail. Canada Post records show that the landlord signed for the mail on December 8, 2015.

The tenant indicates that the rent increase in question was imposed by a handwritten note dated October 13, 2015.

Section 42(3) of the *Residential Tenancy Act* requires that notice of a rent increase must be in the approved form. This purported rent increase was not. It is of no effect as a rent increase.

I grant the tenant recovery of the \$50.00 filing fee for this application and authorize him to reduce his next rent due after receipt of this decision by \$50.00, in full satisfaction for that fee.

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 26, 2016

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