

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

### **DECISION**

Dispute Codes CNR, LRE, MNDC, OLC, RR, FF

#### Introduction

This hearing dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the tenant filed under the Residential Tenancy Act, (the "Act"), to cancel a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent or Utilities, for a monetary order for loss or money owed, to suspend or set conditions on the landlord's right to enter the rental unit, to have the landlord comply with the Act, to reduce rent for repairs, services or facilities agreed upon but not provided and to recover the filing fee.

Both parties appeared.

#### Preliminary matters

At the outset of the hearing the tenant indicated that the property has been sold and the respondent is no longer their landlord. The tenant stated that as a result of the change of landlords the only issue to be determined in the monetary compensation they seek under that tenancy agreement.

On September 23, 2015, the tenant filed an application for dispute resolution seeking monetary compensation in the amount of \$5,000.00. That matter is scheduled to be heard on April 4, 2016. The file number has been noted on the covering page of this decision.

On October 6, 2015, the tenant filed a second application for dispute resolution seeking a monetary compensation in the amount of \$7,500.00. That matter was scheduled to be heard on December 8, 2015. On December 8, 2015, the tenant's application for monetary compensation was withdrawn. The file number has been noted on the covering page of this decision.

On January 9, 2016, the tenant filed a third application for dispute resolution seeking further monetary compensation in the amount of \$16,366.68. That matter was scheduled to proceed on this date, February 12, 2016.

However, I find the tenant has divided their claim, which is contrary to Rule 2.9 of the Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure (the "Rules"), which states an applicant may not divide a claim. The objective of the Rules are to ensure a fair, efficient and consistent process for resolving disputes.

Therefore, I find decline to hear the tenant's application and dismiss with leave to reapply. Should the tenant decide to reapply, I Order the tenant to comply with 2.9 of the Rules.

## **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 Section 9.1(1) of the *Residential Tenancy Act*.

Dated: February 12, 2016

Residential Tenancy Branch