

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNSD, FF

Introduction

The Application for Dispute Resolution filed by the Tenant seeks the following:

- a. A monetary order in the sum of \$1275 for double the security deposit.
- b. An order to recover the cost of the filing fee.

A hearing was conducted by conference call in the presence of both parties. On the basis of the solemnly affirmed evidence presented at that hearing, a decision has been reached. All of the evidence was carefully considered.

Both parties were given a full opportunity to present evidence and make submissions. Neither party requested an adjournment or a Summons to Testify. Prior to concluding the hearing both parties acknowledged they had presented all of the relevant evidence that they wished to present.

I find that the Application for Dispute Resolution/Notice of Hearing was served on the landlord by mailing, by registered mail to where the landlord resides.

Issue(s) to be Decided

The issues to be decided are as follows:

- a. Whether the tenant is entitled to the return of double the security deposit/pet deposit?
- b. Whether the tenant is entitled to recover the cost of the filing fee?

Background and Evidence

The parties entered into a written tenancy agreement that provided that the tenancy would start on April 6, 2016 and continue for one year. Neither party provided a copy of the written tenancy agreement. The rent was \$1100 per month payable in advance on the first day of each month. The tenants paid a security deposit of \$525 at the start of the tenancy. The tenancy ended on April 6, 2015. The tenant(s) provided the landlord with his/her their forwarding address in writing on April 3, 2015.

The landlord testified he has claims against the tenants for failure to give proper notice, failure to clean and 6 days of over-holding.

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<u>Analysis</u>

The parties reached a settlement and they asked that I record the settlement pursuant to section 63(2) of the Residential Tenancy Act as follows:

- a. The landlord shall retain \$262 of the security deposit.
- b. The landlord shall pay to the Tenants the balance of the security deposit in the sum of \$263.
- c. This is a full and final settlement and each party releases and discharges the other from all further claims with regard to this tenancy.

Monetary Order and Cost of Filing fee

I ordered the landlord(s) shall retain \$262 of the security deposit. I further order that the landlord pay to the Tenant the sum of \$263.

It is further Ordered that this sum be paid forthwith. The applicant is given a formal Order in the above terms and the respondent must be served with a copy of this Order as soon as possible.

Should the respondent fail to comply with this Order, the Order may be filed in the Small Claims division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

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: April 15, 2016	
	Residential Tenancy Branch