

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

<u>Dispute Codes</u> DRI, O, FF

<u>Introduction</u>

This hearing dealt with the tenant's application pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* ("*Act*") for:

- an order regarding a disputed additional rent increase, pursuant to section 43;
- other unspecified remedies; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application, pursuant to section 72.

While the respondent landlord attended the hearing by way of conference call, the applicant tenant did not, although I waited until 11:10 a.m. in order to enable the tenant to connect with this teleconference hearing scheduled for 11:00 a.m.

Rule 7.3 of the RTB *Rules of Procedure* provides as follows:

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 reapply.

In the absence of any appearance by the tenant, I order the tenant's entire application dismissed without 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: September 08, 2016

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