

# **Dispute Resolution Services**

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

# **DECISION**

Dispute Codes CNL MNDC OLC FF

## Introduction

This hearing was convened to hear matters pertaining to an Application for Dispute Resolution filed by the Tenant on June 2, 2016. Upon review of the Tenant's application the Tenant confirmed she was seeking a \$4,800.00 monetary order for money owed or compensation for damage or loss under the *Act*, regulation or tenancy agreement; and to recover the cost of her filing fee. The remaining items listed on the application were withdrawn as the Tenant had vacated the rental unit and the tenancy has now ended.

No one was in attendance at the scheduled teleconference hearing for either the Landlord or the Tenant.

### Issue(s) to be Decided

1) Has this application been abandoned?

### Background and Evidence

There was no additional evidence or testimony provided as there was no one in attendance at the scheduled hearing.

### <u>Analysis</u>

Section 61 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* states that upon accepting an application for dispute resolution, the director must set the matter down for a hearing and that the Director must determine if the hearing is to be oral or in writing. In this case, the hearing was scheduled for an oral teleconference hearing.

Rule 10.1 of the Rules of Procedure provides as follows:

**10.1 Commencement of the hearing** The hearing must commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise decided by the arbitrator. The arbitrator may conduct the hearing in the absence of a party and may make a decision or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.

In the absence of the applicant Tenant and respondent Landlord, the telephone line remained open while the phone system was monitored for ten minutes and no one on behalf of either party called into the hearing during this time.

Based on the aforementioned I conclude the Tenant's application to be abandoned. As no findings of fact or law have been determined regarding the merits of this application the Tenant has leave to reapply if they wish to pursue the application at a later date. That leave to reapply does not extend any applicable time limits set out under the *Act*.

#### Conclusion

The Tenant's application was determined to be abandoned.

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: December 01, 2016

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