

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

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Introduction

This hearing was scheduled to deal with a tenant's application for the landlord to provide services or facilities required by law and other issues. The tenant appeared at the hearing but the landlord did not. The tenant stated that he did not serve the landlord with a hearing package as he did not know he was required to do so and thought the Residential Tenancy Branch would do that.

Section 59 of the Act requires that the applicant must serve the respondent with a copy of the Application for Dispute Resolution. The permissible methods for serving an Application for Dispute Resolution are provided under section 89 of the Act. The Rules of Procedure also provide that the Application for Dispute Resolution is to be accompanied by other documents including the Notice of Hearing and Fact Sheet and evidence provided to the Residential Tenancy Branch.

Given the tenant's failure to serve the landlord I declined to proceed with the tenant's application and it was 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: September 28, 2017

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