

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes 67, 72

<u>Introduction</u>

The landlords and the tenants convened this hearing in response to applications.

The landlords' application is seeking orders as follows:

- 1. For an order of possession;
- 2. For a monetary order for damages; and
- 3. To recover the cost of filing the application.

The tenants' application is seeking orders as follows:

- 1. To cancel a One Month Notice to End Tenancy for Cause;
- 2. For a monetary order for loss or other money owed; and
- 3. To recover the cost of filing the application.

Both parties appeared. During the hearing the parties agreed to settle these matters, on the following conditions:

- 1. The parties agreed that the tenancy has ended;
- 2. The tenant acknowledged that they caused by accident a flood in the rental unit; and as a result agrees to pay the landlords' insurance deductible of \$1,000.00.
- 3. The parties agreed this is a <u>full and final settlement agreement</u> relating to this tenancy.

This settlement agreement was reached in accordance with section 63 of the Residential Tenancy Act.

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In this case, the landlords seek to recover the cost of their interpreter. However, I find a language barrier of the landlord is not the fault of the tenants. Therefore, I find the landlords are not entitled to recover interpreter fees from the tenants.

As the tenants were responsible for the accidental flood, I find the landlords are entitled to recover the filing fee from the tenants' in the amount of \$100.00.

At the hearing the tenant agreed to send a cheque in the amount of \$1,100.00 in the name of M-H, to the named company in the application.

Conclusion

The parties agreed to settle the above matters. The landlords are not entitled to recover interpreter fees from the tenants. The landlords are entitled to recover the filing fee.

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*.

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Dated: October 20, 2017

Residential Tenancy Branch