

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNSD, FF

<u>Introduction</u>

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

- authorization to obtain a return of all or a portion of her security deposit pursuant to section 38; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application pursuant to section 72.

The tenant did not attend this hearing, although I waited until 1:12 p.m. in order to enable the tenant to connect with this teleconference hearing scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Landlord S.S. (the landlord) attended the hearing and was given a full opportunity to be heard, to present sworn testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses. The landlord indicated that she would be representing the interests of both landlords in this matter.

The landlord acknowledged receipt of the Tenant's Application for Dispute Resolution (the Application). In accordance with section 89 of the *Act*, I find that the landlord was duly served with the Application.

Analysis

Rules 7.1 and 7.3 of the Rules of Procedure provides as follows:

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 any evidence or submissions from the applicant, I order the application dismissed without liberty to reapply.

Conclusion

I dismiss the tenant's Application, 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: January 23, 2018

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