



Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

INTERIM DECISION

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Introduction

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

- an Order directing the landlord to comply with the *Act* pursuant to section 62; and
- a return of the filing fee pursuant to section 72 of the *Act*.

Both the landlord and the tenant appeared at the hearing.

Preliminary Issue - Adjournment of Hearing

Following opening remarks, the tenant explained that she had recently received an Application for Dispute resolution from the landlord and the parties were scheduled to have a hearing on February 6, 2018. In that application, the landlord had applied for an additional rent increase. This proposed rent increase is sought for rent due for March 2018. I find that the matter before me today, closely relates to issues to be considered on February 6, 2018.

Rule 7.9 of the *Residential Tenancy Branch's Rules of Procedure* states, "at any time after the dispute resolution hearing begins, the arbitrator may adjourn the dispute resolution hearing to another time."

I find that an adjournment of this matter would provide a fair opportunity for both parties to be heard, would not unfairly prejudice either party and would prevent the parties from having to sit through two separate hearings.

I advised the parties that I have made no determination regarding the hearing scheduled for today, and that this matter will be considered along with that of the landlord's application at the February 6, 2018 hearing.

Conclusion

I adjourn the tenant's Application to be heard alongside the landlord's Application at 10:30 AM on February 6, 2018.

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 16, 2018

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