

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes ET FF

Introduction

This hearing dealt with the landlord's application pursuant to the *Residential Tenancy Act* ("the *Act*") for an early end to this tenancy and an Order of Possession pursuant to section 56; and authorization to recover the filing fee for this application, pursuant to section 72.

While the landlord attended the hearing by way of conference call, the tenant did not. The landlord was given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses.

The landlord testified in the hearing that the tenant had moved out on December 29 or 30, 2017, and no longer required an Order of Possession. The landlord withdrew his application for an Order of Possession.

The filing fee is a discretionary award issued by an Arbitrator usually after a hearing is held and the applicant is successful on the merits of the application. As I was not required to make a decision on the merits of this case, I find that the landlord is not entitled to recover the \$100.00 filing fee paid for this application. The landlord must bear the cost of this 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*.

Dated: January 18, 2018

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