

Dispute Resolution Services

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes DRI, MNDCT, FFT

Introduction

This hearing was convened by way of conference call concerning an application made by the tenant disputing a rent increase and seeking a monetary order for money owed or compensation for damage or loss under the *Act,* regulation or tenancy agreement; and to recover the filing fee from the landlord for the cost of the application.

The tenant and the landlord attended the hearing, during which the parties agreed to settle this dispute in the following terms:

- the tenant will pay rent in the amount of \$1,100.00 per month commencing January 1, 2018, payable on the 1st day of each month and the tenancy continues on a month-to-month basis;;
- 2. the landlord will not increase the rent until January 1, 2019, and in the amount allowed by the regulations, with no less than 3 months notice in the approved form and in accordance with the *Residential Tenancy Act* and the regulations;
- 3. the tenant will have a monetary order in the amount of \$360.00 and is permitted to reduce rent for a future month by that amount or may otherwise recover it.

The parties confirmed at the end of the hearing that this agreement was made on a voluntary basis and that the parties understood the nature of this full and final settlement of this matter.

Since the parties have settled this dispute, I decline to order that the tenant recover the filing fee from the landlord.

Conclusion

For the reasons set out above, and by consent, I hereby order that the tenant pay rent in the amount of \$1,100.00 per month commencing January 1, 2018 and the tenancy continues on a month-to-month basis.

I further order that the landlord may not increase the rent again until January 1, 2019 and must give at least 3 months notice of such an increase in the approved form and in accordance with the *Residential Tenancy Act* and the regulations.

I hereby grant a monetary order in favour of the tenant as against the landlord pursuant to Section 67 of the *Residential Tenancy Act* in the amount of \$360.00, and I order that the tenant be permitted to reduce rent for a future month by that amount or may otherwise recover it.

This order is final and binding and may be enforced.

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: June 05, 2018

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