



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

INTERIM DECISION

Dispute Codes MNDCT, FFT

Introduction:

This hearing dealt with an application by the tenant for a Monetary Order under Section 51(2) of the *Residential Tenancy Act* (the “Act”) in an amount equivalent to double the monthly rent payable under the tenancy agreement as well as reimbursement of the filing fee under Section 72.

The hearing was conducted by teleconference. NC appeared as agent for the tenant. The landlord attended.

At the outset, the agent stated the tenant is a firefighter and was called to work on the morning of the hearing. The agent requested that the hearing be adjourned. The landlord agreed to the adjournment of the hearing.

Rules 7.8 and 7.9 of the Residential Tenancy Branch Rules of Procedure establish how late requests for rescheduling and adjournment of dispute resolution proceedings are handled. Rule 7.8 provides that at any time after the dispute resolution hearing begins, the arbitrator may adjourn the dispute resolution hearing to another time. The arbitrator will determine whether the circumstances warrant the adjournment of the hearing.

Rule 7.9 sets out criteria for granting an adjournment which includes consideration of the submissions of the parties and the possible prejudice to each party. In this case, both parties consented to the tenant’s request for adjournment and there is no prejudice to the parties.

Based on the above, I grant the tenant’s request for adjournment.

Conclusion

This hearing is adjourned by consent:

- **I order** this hearing will be reconvened on the date identified in the Notice of Hearing documents attached to this decision;
- **I order** that this is not an opportunity for the tenant to amend this Application for Dispute Resolution;
- **I order** that this is not an opportunity for the landlord to submit an Application for Dispute Resolution to be crossed or for the landlord to submit a new Application for Dispute Resolution to be joined with any of this Application for Dispute Resolution currently before me; and
- **I order** that this is not an opportunity for either party to submit additional evidence.

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: September 5, 2018

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