

Residential Tenancy Branch Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNDCT, FFT

Introduction

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

- a Monetary Order for damage or compensation under the *Act*, pursuant to section 67; and
- authorization to recover the filing fee for this application from the landlords, pursuant to section 72.

The tenants did not attend this hearing, although I left the teleconference hearing connection open for 11 minutes in order to enable the tenants to call into this teleconference hearing scheduled for 1:30 p.m. The landlords attended the hearing and were given a full opportunity to be heard, to present affirmed testimony, to make submissions and to call witnesses. I confirmed that the correct call-in numbers and participant codes had been provided in the Notice of Hearing. I also confirmed from the teleconference system that the landlords and I were the only ones who had called into this teleconference.

Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure provides as follows:

7.1 Commencement of the dispute resolution hearing

The dispute resolution hearing will commence at the scheduled time unless otherwise set by the arbitrator. Rule 7.3 states that if a party or their agent fails to attend the hearing, the arbitrator may conduct the dispute resolution hearing in the absence of that party, or dismiss the application, with or without leave to re-apply.

Issue(s) to be Decided

- 1. Are the tenants entitled to a Monetary Order for damage or compensation under the *Act*, pursuant to section 67 of the *Act*?
- 2. Are the tenants entitled to recover the filing fee for this application from the landlord, pursuant to section 72 of the *Act*?

Conclusion

Based on the above, in the absence of any evidence or submissions from the applicants I order the application dismissed without liberty 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: September 10, 2018

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